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## Bombs similar

POLICE suspect pro-Iranian terrorists might have planted the bomb at a parking lot in Kuwait City, that on Saturday wrecked the offices of a US car hire firm.

One police official said the explosive device appeared to be of a similar make to a bomb which ripped through the Kuwait offices of Saudi Arabian Airlines, Saudi, last week.

"At first glance both explosive devices appear similar," the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said.

He said it was possible a pro-Iranian group was responsible.

"This is the strongest possibility," the official said in answer to a question.

Iran has strained relations with both the United States and Saudi Arabia.

The US Navy attacked two Iranian oil platforms in the Gulf last month after a mine damaged a US warship.

And Saudi Arabia broke off diplomatic relations with Iran last week, sparking fury in Tehran.

The explosion on Saturday rocked a multi-storey parking lot in downtown Kuwait City, wrecking the office of the US car hire firm Avis and causing extensive damage to adjacent buildings.

## 'Marshall Plan'

WASHINGTON, May 8, (AP): The United States is moving towards the announcement of a multibillion-dollar international aid programme to help the beleaguered government of Philippines President Corason Aquino, a US official has said.

The programme, which has been likened by congressional proponents to the 1947 Marshall Plan that rescued Western Europe after World War II, could lead to an international appeal for \$10 billion over the next five years.

## Arab summit

ALGIERS, May 8, (AP): A special Arab League summit to discuss the Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip will take place on June 7 in Algiers.

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## Kuwait to enact tough anti-air piracy law

# Death for hijacking

KUWAIT, target of a bloody 16-day hijacking last month, will soon introduce a law that punishes hijackers with death, a senior official has said.

Minister of State for Services Affairs Issa Mohammed Al Mazidi told a Kuwaiti daily that under the proposed law killing or wounding passengers on a plane, causing damage to a plane or airport installations, carried the death sentence.

**Necessary**

The law will apply to Kuwaiti airlines and foreign carriers using Kuwait International Airport, he said.

A Kuwait Airways Boeing 747 was hijacked on April 5 on a flight from Bangkok to Kuwait and forced to land in Iran by

Arab gunmen demanding the release of pro-Iranian militants from Kuwaiti jails.

After killing two Kuwaiti passengers at the second stop in Larnaca, Cyprus, they released their remaining hostages in Algiers on April 20 in exchange for their own freedom.

Mazidi said such a tough law has become extremely necessary due to the increase in air piracy in recent years.

Recalling the ordeal when the Kuwaiti airliner Al Jabriya was at Larnaca airport, Mazidi said there were no direct negotiations between the Kuwaiti delegation and the hijackers, adding that Cypriot authorities held the negotiations.

On the possibilities of storming the plane in Larnaca, he said that several alternatives were discussed to secure the release of the passengers and crew.

He stressed that tough security measures have been in force at the Kuwait International Airport for many years and such procedures will be tightened to prevent any incidents which jeopardise the safety of the aircraft and passengers.

The state minister affirmed that Kuwait provides the utmost safety for any plane grounded at the airport, noting that some countries take further steps to beef up security on their airliners.

**Demand**

Asked if the Civil Aviation Department will take measures to prevent any smuggling of arms aboard planes while at Kuwait airport, the minister said that all loopholes have been taken care of and "I don't believe there is anyone who can penetrate our security measures."

## Joint PLO-Jordan delegation ruled out

ABU DHABI, May 8, (Agencies): A senior Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) official has said that forming a joint PLO-Jordanian delegation for Middle East peace talks was out of the question.

Faruq Kaddoumi, head of the PLO's political department, also told reporters that rapprochement between the PLO and Syria would not affect the organisation's relations with Egypt.

"A joint Palestinian-Jordanian delegation at peace talks is gone forever," Kaddoumi said.

"But we welcome a joint Arab delegation or a separate one of the PLO."

Jordan, responding to peace proposals by US Secretary of State, George Shultz, said last month that it would not speak for the Palestinians or substitute for the PLO at any peace talks.

**Headway**

Kaddoumi said the PLO was keen to "maintain cooperation... with Jordan, but there will be no return to other accords."

Jordan and the PLO agreed to coordinate peace moves in 1985. But Amman suspended the accord a year later on the grounds that the PLO refused to accept UN resolution 242, which implicitly recognises Israel.

"We have made headway in our relations with Syria, but such a development will not be at the expense of Egypt or any other Arab state," said Kaddoumi, who attended reconciliation talks in Damascus last month.

King Hussein of Jordan, meanwhile, vowed again to make peace with Israel only in the framework of an international conference as a partner with the Palestinians, and said without a solution the Israeli-occupied territories are headed for "real disaster."

Hussein said that the Middle East peace process is "still alive" although there are many obstacles in its way.

**Talks**

"Obstacles facing the Middle East peace process are too numerous," the king told a group of foreign journalists in Amman. "But it is still alive and we hope it will continue," he said.

Jordanian and senior PLO officials held fresh talks yesterday in Amman, on the Middle East peace efforts and developments.

In another development, a PLO official arrived in Cairo yesterday to brief officials on the PLO's improved ties with Syria, Palestinian sources said.

## Court delays Awad's expulsion

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 8, (Agencies): Israel's Supreme Court today delayed the deportation of Arab American Mubarak Awad and ordered the government to explain its decision, a court spokesman said.

Justice Shoshana Netanyahu also scheduled a full hearing on Awad's appeal for tomorrow morning, spokesman Shmaryahu Cohen said.

Awad, 44, an advocate of civil disobedience who was ordered to be deported on Friday, filed the appeal hours before a three-day deadline since he was detained and charged with being an inciter of the five-month-long Arab uprising against Israeli rule in the occupied territories.

**Pressure**

Israel radio said the appeal was issued after Awad conferred with his attorneys who visited him in a Jerusalem jail, where he has been on hunger strike since his arrest.

The radio said Awad had been under pressure from PLO supporters against appealing to the Israeli court for fear of setting a precedent in such cases.

The Jerusalem-born Awad heads the Centre for Non-violent Studies in Jerusalem.

## France goes to polls for presidential runoff

PARIS, May 8, (UPI): France went to the polls for final round of presidential elections today to judge underdog French Prime Minister, Jacques Chirac's, tough challenge to French President, Francois Mitterrand, for control of the Elysee Palace.

Polling stations opened to the 38.32 million voters at 8am (0600 GMT) and were to close by 8 pm (1800 GMT).

At 12 noon (1000 GMT) 28.5 per cent of the French electorate had turned out to vote. That was well below 30.22 per cent registered at the same time in the previous election of 1981, starting off fears of widespread abstentions.

Violence marred polling in Paris. Scores of masked leftists brandishing iron bars attacked right-wing demonstrators supporting National Front leader Jean-Marie Le Pen, injuring eight people. In the Pacific territory of New Caledonia, Melanesian separatists threw up roadblocks and torched a bus used by voters, wounding the driver with shotgun pellets.

In the first round of election on April 24, the socialist Mitterrand, 71, was endorsed as favourite with 34.1 per cent of the votes.

## Khomeini appoints new chief of staff

NICOSIA, May 8, (Agencies): Iran's spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini has appointed Brig. Gen. Ali Shahbazi, a relatively young man with a background in guerrilla warfare, as chief of staff of the armed forces.

Tehran Radio monitored in Cyprus, said the 42-year-old Shahbazi replaced Brig. Gen. Ismael Sohrabi, who was appointed in October 1984.

The radio did not say why Khomeini ordered the replacement of Sohrabi, but it quoted him as thanking the outgoing officer for his efforts and asking him to remain as a military consultant to the government.

**Deputy**

Iran's armed forces have been severely jolted by the loss of Iraq's Faw peninsula, retaken by Baghdad's forces on April 18, and by a confrontation with US forces in the Gulf the same day that left two Iranian oil platforms destroyed, a patrol boat sunk and three other ships and two frigates crippled.

Khomeini, in a decree appointing Shahbazi, said the appointment had been made considering the officer's "religious and revolutionary commitments."

The official Iranian news agency described him as "one of

the youngest commanders in the Islamic Republic Armed Forces" and said he had served as a deputy chief of staff for the past four years.

In the Gulf, US and Iranian Navy ships glided silently past each other in dangerous "silk-worm alley" yesterday in their closest encounter since the April 18 naval battle.

The 3,700-tonne frigate Jack Williams spotted the Bushehr, a 354-foot (118 metre) supply boat, early in the morning after the Iranians passed through the tense Strait of Hormuz twice in less than 24 hours.

The two ships sailed within about 2,500 yards (metres) of each other on opposite courses in the rolling blue seas about 20 miles east of Abu Musa, a heavily fortified island where Iran maintains a gumbao base and an air field.

Neither side blinked.

Iraq said its warplanes hit two naval targets at Iran's Lavan island terminal in the southern Gulf today.

A Baghdad war spokesman said the jets scored effective strikes on a large naval target and a medium-size one, Iraqi codes for tankers or cargo ships, close to the loading jetty at Lavan terminal.



Mazidi: need

Meanwhile in Washington, US Deputy Secretary of State John Whitehead said he would tell Algerian officials in a meeting next week that the hijackers of the Kuwaiti jet must be brought to justice.

"We will set forth our views strongly," he told reporters in an interview.

Whitehead leaves tonight on a trip that includes stops in Algeria, Tunisia, Morocco and Paris.

The United States and Britain were the fiercest critics of a deal last month under which Algeria allowed the hijackers to leave the plane at Algiers.

The two governments deplored the idea that the hijackers, could escape without punishment.

There were reports that the hijackers would be allowed to go to Lebanon or Iran but Whitehead said the United States was still not sure if they had left Algeria and hoped to find out more about their whereabouts.

He said he would strongly assert the US position that "hijackers should not be allowed to get away with their criminal acts and must be brought to justice."

## Sikh extremists kill 23

# Wedding party massacre

CHANDIGARH, India, May 8, (UPI): Sikh extremists disguised as police today poured gunfire into a crowd of Hindus celebrating a wedding at a transient labour camp in northern Haryana state, killing at least 13 people and wounding 25 others, police said.

Ten other deaths were also reported yesterday and today.

The wedding party attack was the bloodiest committed in Haryana, which borders Punjab state and shares the same capital, by Sikh extremists since last July and took to more than 900 the number of people slain this year in violence related to their campaign for independence.

Police in the capital of Chandigarh said the massacre occurred at the outskirts of Panipat, about 40 miles (80 km) to the south, at a camp set up for transient labourers employed at an annual farmers market.

The labourers were all impoverished Hindus, most of them from the western state of Rajasthan, and many were accompanied by their families, police said.

They said two Sikhs — distinguished by their turbans and beards — and a clean-shaven man drove up to the camp on motorcycles as the occupants were celebrating a wedding and opened fire with submachine guns.

At least 13 people, including an undisclosed number of women and children, were killed and 25 others were wounded. Five of the injured were hospitalised in critical condition, police said.

The assailants, all of whom were wearing police uniforms, escaped on their motorcycles.

Haryana Home Secretary G.V. Gupta, said a security alert was sounded across the state and

additional police deployed in a hunt for the gunmen. There were no further details.

Extremists today shot dead a farmer in a village in Punjab's Jullunder district, police said.

The attackers then went to a neighbouring village where they shot dead a Sikh priest and another man in a temple.

Four members of a family including a five-year-old boy were killed in a village in Punjab's Kapurthala district yesterday. Two labourers employed by the family also died in the attack.

On Friday night, the government of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi extended for six more months its control of Punjab under a constitutional provision known as "President's Rule."

New Delhi declared President's Rule last May and sacked the state's moderate Sikh government for failing to contain extremist violence.

## Rivals fight street battles in Karachi

KARACHI, May 8, (UPI): Youths armed with assault rifles fought street battles and clashes with police today in communal violence that left at least nine people dead and 40 injured, police and hospital sources said.

At least 18 houses were torched during the fighting between the ethnic Pathans from Pakistan's north-west frontier province and mohajirs, who migrated to Karachi from India following the partition of the subcontinent in 1947.

Police said officers deployed to

the north of city were attacked by a group of Pathans armed with AK-47 assault rifles today. Hospital sources said four people, including three police officers, were shot and killed.

The trouble spread to the nearby new Karachi residential area, where mohajir and Pathan youths armed with AK-47s and other guns, as well as knives and stones, fought street battles throughout the morning and into the afternoon in several localities.

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## Peres flies to Zurich to meet Soviets

**OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 8, (AP):** Foreign Minister Shimon Peres flew unexpectedly today for Zurich, apparently to hold a meeting with Soviet officials en route to a socialist conference in Spain.

A ministry official confirmed that Peres flew out of Israel 12 hours before his scheduled departure to Madrid for a conference of the Socialist International, but would not say where he was headed.

Officials at Ben Gurion International Airport, however, said Peres left on a Swissair flight for Zurich at 7.50 am (0450 GMT).

Peres told Israel television yesterday night that he may meet Soviet officials during his trip and that he hoped to discuss a possible renewal of ties with the Kremlin that were severed after the 1967 Middle East war.

"Yes, there will be contacts and I imagine there will also be contacts with the Soviets," Peres told the television reporter.

"We must make an additional effort to see if we can renew relations with the Soviet Union, and deal with the Jewish issue and see if we can advance the issue of peace," Peres added.

Peres, who heads the left-leaning Labour Party, favours making territorial concessions for peace and supports Arab demands for holding an international peace conference.

## Gorbachev faces direct challenge

# Soviets form opposition

**MOSCOW, May 8, (UPI):** Representatives from across the Soviet Union jammed into a Moscow apartment Saturday to form an opposition party, creating an unprecedented test for Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's commitment to democratisation.

"We define the contents of our activity as political opposition to the present order," said a founding document of "the Democratic Union" distributed at the gathering. It was a direct challenge to the Communist Party.

Scores of secret police were on the surrounding streets and in the halls of the apartment building. At least 20 cars and three buses loaded with KGB police were parked near the apartment.

"The whole system of party autocracy has become the main source of the people's troubles during the last 70 years," the statement said in a sweeping condemnation of Soviet rule.

"No one has the right to decide for the people what direction to follow, only the people themselves, according to their sovereign rights, can choose the way on the basis of agreement and free voting," it said.

Police pounded on the door to be admitted, but some of the more than 100 people jammed into the apartment shouted back that they had no right to enter. Eventually the police gave up and stood quietly outside the door.

The formation of the Democratic Union, only three weeks before President Reagan arrives for a summit meeting with the Soviet leader, is the most open challenge so far to the Communist Party's monopoly on power.

Those gathered into an apartment — directly across the street from the building housing the government of the Russian Republic — was largely in their 20s and 30s and said they represented groups in cities across the country.

A partial list of the participants showed people from Leningrad and Moscow in Russia, Kiev and Donetsk in the Ukraine, and Novosibirsk and Tomsk in Siberia. Speaker after speaker took a turn atop a stool in a stifling hallway.

**Reforms**

Gorbachev has called for greater democracy in Soviet society as part of his reforms to end the country's economic slide. However, he has always emphasised that the Communist Party will retain its control.

The formation of the Democratic Union will reinforce the fears of conservatives that Gorbachev's reforms are unleashing forces that could threaten the communist control that has existed since the 1917 revolution.

"Freedom is the right to be against," said the Democratic Union statement. "We have been fully deprived of this right since October 1917."

It accused the Communist Party of methodically monopolising control over everything from the economy to the cultural life, bringing the country to material and spiritual "poverty."

The Democratic Union groups organisations from different parts of the country who are united mainly by their desire to end the communist party's stranglehold over the country.

**Democracy**

"We are united by adherence to the idea of democracy, which is not just a slogan and empty calling for us," the document said, demanding a democratisation far beyond what Gorbachev has advocated.

The Democratic Union document proposed Western-style democracy, with a mixed economy, a multi-party political system, legalisation of opposition newspapers and formation of independent trade unions.

Previous to Gorbachev's liberalisation in the past three years, political activity would have led to swift arrests and lengthy prison terms under laws banning "anti-Soviet agitation." But the heavy police presence demonstrated the continuing unease.

The Democratic Union noted there is no legal guarantee to prevent a return of the previous repression. Although authorities are discussing abolishing some laws used to suppress dissent, the outcome of that debate is not resolved.

## Less salt helps patients cut drugs

**CHICAGO, May 8, (Reuters):** Even a modest reduction of salt in the diet appears to help high blood pressure patients lessen their dependence on anti-hypertension drugs which often have bad side effects, doctors reported on Thursday.

While salt reduction historically has been a tool to combat high blood pressure, such therapy "has become a matter of complacency" in recent years because of the availability of drugs, researchers at Indiana University School of Medicine said.

To test whether lower sodium levels in the diet would help people on drugs, the researchers studied 114 patients over a 30-week period who were able to reduce sodium blood levels by 25 to 35 per cent through the intervention of a nutritionist.

**Dosage**

For one-third of the patients the sodium reduction was sufficient to allow them to cut the dosage of the drugs they were taking, most often diuretics.

Diuretics, commonly used to treat hypertension by increasing urinary output, have become "a matter of increasing concern and scrutiny," the researchers said in this week's issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Reviving AIO

**CAIRO, May 8, (UPI):** Negotiations aimed at formally reviving the Arab Industrialisation Organisation (AIO) are expected to begin later this month in Cairo, Qatar News Agency reported.

The news agency quoted the United Arab Emirates newspaper Al Khaleej as saying that negotiations would begin in the Egyptian capital after Eid-ul-Fitr, the feast following Ramadan.

The AIO, founded in 1975, includes Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the UAE. The first issue the nations' delegates will address, will be unfreezing \$620 deposited in Western banks by the organisation, the newspaper said.

### British hostages

**LONDON, May 8, (AP):** Britain will pursue "all legitimate means" to get its missing citizens out of Beirut, Foreign Office Minister, David Mellor, said today.

But in a television interview, Mellor reiterated the British government's refusal to make deals with hostage-takers.

Among the 18 foreigners missing in London are Church of England envoy Terry Waite, who has not been seen since leaving his hotel room on Jan 20, 1987.

### Nuclear test

**MOSCOW, May 8, (UPI):** The Soviet Union today conducted an underground nuclear test on the Barents Sea island of Novaya Zemlya "with the aim of perfecting military technology."

The blast had a yield of between 20 and 150 kilotons (20,000 to 150,000 tons of TNT), the official Tass news agency said.

### 8 hurt in rally

**PARIS, May 8, (AP):** Eight people were injured during a right-wing rally in central Paris today when a group of masked men flailing steel bars charged into a large crowd, witnesses said.

The bloody attack occurred as people were gathering on Joan of Arc Day to march to her statue in the Tuilleries Garden. About 40 men, their faces hidden by ski masks or scarves, stormed into a crowd of about 60 people and beat them indiscriminately, a witness said.

### Swiss climbers

**CHAMOND, May 8, (UPI):** Swiss climbers, including a woman, scaled the 8,163 metres-high Marashit on May Day, the Ministry of Tourism said.

Ursula Huber, 25, Beda Fuster 32, and Richard Ott, 26, reached the summit from the south-east ridge, the ministry said. They spent 20 minutes on the summit and returned to their camp, the third camp the same day.

### Polish strike

**GDANSK, May 8, (Reuters):** Efforts to end a Solidarity strike at the Lenin Shipyard hung in the balance today after Lech Walesa and the workers stood by their demand for recognition of the outlawed trade union.

The strikers are pressing for reinstatement of Lenin Shipyard workers, fired under martial law in 1981-83, freedom for alleged political prisoners and nationwide legalisation of their outlawed Solidarity union.

### Relief operation

**KHARTOUM, May 8, (AP):** The International Committee of the Red Cross will start a new relief operation to help civilians in war zones in southern Sudan later this month and is contacting both the government and the rebels about safe conduct, an ICRC official says.

## Battle of Beirut suburbs eases

**BEIRUT, May 8, (Reuters):** A two-day battle between rival Shi'ite Muslim militias for control of Beirut's southern suburbs tapered off into sporadic exchanges after officials from both sides agreed to forge a durable ceasefire.

Police said at least 49 people were killed and about 50 wounded in day-long battles involving tanks and mortars on Saturday between Amal militiamen and pro-Iranian Hezbollah fighters.

Amal said 56 people were killed on Friday. At least 100 people have been reported wounded in the two days of fighting.

Witnesses said heavily-armed Amal and Hezbollah gunmen clung to military fortifications in the 16-square-mile (40 sq km) densely populated area outside government control.

A truck loaded with arms and ammunition lumbered into an Amal stronghold after the fighting eased, one witness said.

Security sources said a ceasefire committee of representatives from both factions and led by Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister, Hussein Sheikh-holeslam toured the suburbs last night to consolidate the latest truce agreement.

**Upper hand**

Hezbollah, backed and financed by Iran, said it still had the upper hand and was "consolidating its hold in the area bit by bit" after seizing Bir Al Abed, Hay Madi and Hay Mouawad from Amal.

Amal said it had recaptured lost ground in Haret Hreik, Chiyah, Ghobeiri and Bourj Al Barajneh. It agreed it had not yet regained the other areas.

A security source told Reuters that some of the 500 Iranian revolutionary guards in Lebanon, led by Daoud Irani, were fighting alongside Hezbollah.

Residents said the revolutionary guards had a military training centre in Hay Madi in which an operation room was set up for Iran to supervise the fighting.

## Extend amnesty, urges Jackson

**SAN FRANCISCO, May 8, (AP):** Democratic presidential candidate Jesse Jackson, appealing for the support of California's large Hispanic population, has proposed extending the immigrant amnesty law for a year.

Jackson also said the employer sanctions in the new immigration legislation should be repealed as discriminatory against workers and a burden to employers.

The front-runner of the Democratic nomination, Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis, took a break from campaigning to work on gubernatorial business and have a private weekend with his wife, Kitty.

Vice President George Bush, who has sewn up the Republican nomination, also spent the weekend at home in the nation's capital.

Bush continued to come under fire from Jackson for calling the preacher-turned-politician a "hustler from Chicago" despite assurances from the Vice President's campaign staff that there was "nothing derogatory" in his comments.

"I do not know why he would lash out at me," Jackson said prior to marching in the Cinco de Mayo Parade at the event's Grand Marshal. "He has a tendency when he panics to reach out and attack."

Asked if this indicated how Bush, as President, would act under stress, Jackson responded: "We would be at national risk if he were in that position. This tendency to be mean-spirited, to curse at and to name call is a habit, a behaviour pattern... one who has this office must have a sense of stability and security."

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## UK Arabs face Mossad plots

LONDON, May 8, (AP): British intelligence suspects the Israeli Mossad security service of sowing discord between Arab factions in Britain, the Sunday Telegraph reported.

"One theory is that Mossad agents may be behind a plot to kill Palestinian activists and shift the blame to rival Arab groups," the weekly said.

The newspaper suggested that Mossad may have been involved in some way which it did not specify with the murder in London in 1987 of Palestinian cartoonist, Ali Naji Al Adhami. No one was ever charged with the killing.

Robert Adley, a lawmaker of the ruling Conservative Party who chairs the parliamentary British-Jordan and British-Syria groups, said Britain and Israel should recall their respective ambassadors and he would question Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe in the House of Commons about the Sunday Telegraph story.

Activities "What is reported is in line with other things Israel has been doing... we can do without these sort of people using our streets and our land as a territory for their illegal actions in this country and against this country," Adley said.

Last November, the London weekly Mail on Sunday reported a Mossad undercover agent named Bashar Samara had infiltrated the Palestine Liberation Organisation in Britain and was questioned during police inquiries into the shooting of Ali Adhami.

That report said Samara wasn't charged with anything. As his life would have been in danger if he was released in Britain, he was expelled to Israel, "doing Mossad an immense favour by returning one of their most courageous agents," it said.

The latest story in the Sunday Telegraph said British intelligence began to suspect the Israelis after police found an arms cache in the eastern England city of Hull last August while investigating the shooting of Ali Adhami.

## Soviet pullout to take place despite fighting

MOSCOW, May 8, (AP): Soviet soldiers will withdraw from Afghanistan as fighting continues around them, the Communist Party daily Pravda said in an article, apparently intended to warn that there will be more casualties.

Comments of Red Army soldiers about the withdrawal and some of their dead comrades were more open than customary reports from Afghanistan by the Soviet press.

Under the terms of an agreement signed last month in Geneva, the Soviet Union on May 15 will start withdrawing its estimated 115,000 soldiers from Afghanistan.

Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev has called the Afghan war a "bleeding wound" for the Soviet Union, but Soviet casualties never have been revealed.

The Pravda article proclaimed Red Army troops were preparing to come home. It was accompanied by a picture of three smiling soldiers.

But the paper added: "The withdrawal of Soviet units for

home is a complicated operation. It will be carried out in war conditions, and will not be comparable to the withdrawal of six regiments in October 1986."

Withdrawal of the six regiments was dismissed widely by Western officials as a propaganda ploy with no significance for the Soviet war effort in Afghanistan.

**Soldiers** Pravda said Afghan rebels were continuing to fight Soviet and Afghan government soldiers, "trying to spoil the process of reconciliation and complicated the realisation of the Geneva agreements." It said their first task was to "pile up weapons inside Afghanistan, to create there stockpiles and bases."

It accused the anti-Marxist insurgents of continuing to attack cities and intimidate citizens.

Pravda quoted one soldier, V. Malashkin, telling about the death of friend who was the captain of a Mi-24 helicopter shot down by a rebel missile on April

18, four days after the agreement was signed in Geneva.

The pilot, Capt. Sergei Gusev, had left a wife, son and daughter in Minsk, capital of Soviet Byelorussia, Pravda said. He had served in Afghanistan eight months and had been decorated twice. Lieut. Pavel Shchipanov died along with him, it said.

The paper also quoted other soldiers recalling the names of their friends who had died in combat.

The Soviets have pledged to withdraw all of their soldiers from Afghanistan in nine months, half of them within the first three months.

The paper said Soviet soldiers had helped build roads and bridges, improved the water supply and helped Afghans in many other ways.

Soviet soldiers entered Afghanistan in December 1979 and replaced one pro-Soviet government with another.

Meanwhile, Afghan President Najibullah has rejected pardons for two European journalists jailed for spying in Afghanistan.

## Thousands demand return of Marcos

MANILA, May 8, (Reuters): Four thousand supporters of Ferdinand Marcos marched behind a mock coffin through Manila's streets today and demanded the deposed strongman's return from exile so he could attend his mother's burial.

Chanting "Marcos again" and waving signs that said "let him come home," the marchers veered away from a road leading to Malacanang Palace, apparently wanting to avoid any confrontation with President Corason Aquino's guards.

Aquino has rejected Marcos's bid to return to the Philippines for the funeral, saying he was a threat to national security. In a taped radio programme today, Aquino said it was "for the good of the country" that Marcos remained in Hawaii where he fled after being ousted in a February, 1986, popular revolt.

Marcos's 95-year-old mother, Josefa Edralin Marcos, died on April 4. She is to be buried in the Marcos's northern home province of Ilocos Norte on an unspecified date.

Results of a private survey published in the Manila Chronicle newspaper today showed the number of Filipinos opposed to Marcos's return had dropped from 68 per cent in October, 1986, to 39 per cent last March.

The poll, conducted by the private research group social weather stations a month before Marcos's mother died, showed the number of those who thought Marcos should be allowed to come home rose from 30 to 34 per cent.

The number of those who considered Marcos a danger to the government fell from 61 to 41 per cent, according to the survey.

Sympathy over his mother's death may have increased support for Marcos's return since the survey was taken, observers said.

## 21 killed in China hailstorms

BEIJING, May 8, (Reuters): Ferocious hailstorms killed 21 people and destroyed thousands of homes in China while the worst drought in 100 years in one province left 1.3 million people desperate for drinking water, official media said today.

The People's Daily said hailstorms, gale-force winds and heavy rain that swept Jiangsu province in east China for five days ending on Thursday killed 17 people and injured more than 120, destroyed 15,000 homes and damaged a further 75,000.

The storms lasted for as long as 20 minutes at a time, bringing 125 mm (4.9 inches) of rain, the newspaper said.

One storm, on Wednesday morning in Haimen county, blew down 14 high-voltage power lines, forced 780 factories to stop production and seriously damaged equipment, raw materials and buildings in more than 100 of them, it said.

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## Plan to provide financial incentive to doctors

KUWAIT'S Public Health Minister, Dr Abdul Razzak Al Abdul Razzak, has said that the Institute for Medical Specialisations was one of the most important educational and training institutions in Kuwait. He added that the ministry would further support the development of the institute in the future.

Speaking to a local newspaper, before his departure to Geneva, to attend the World Health Organisation meetings, Dr Al Abdul Razzak said that the development of health services depends on the development of doctors. He added that the ministry was looking at means of providing financial incentives for doctors, in an attempt to keep them in the government sector rather than leaving for private practice.

### Promotion

A special committee has been set up to establish the standard for merit promotions, he said, adding that his major concern

was to eliminate promotions based on personal influence.

Dr Al Abdul Razzak said there were no plans underway to dismiss any of the ministry's current personnel. He also denied that the ministry had any plans to cancel the nursing institute at Sabah Hospital.

He said that the ministry was concerned about the need to utilise the expertise of non-Kuwaiti medical graduates, particularly since they represented some of the top graduates and had the required government hospital experience.

### Difficulty

The minister said that expenses for sending patients abroad for treatment had been reduced by half since he assumed his ministerial position. He added that the treatment abroad would only be considered if equal services were unavailable in Kuwait.

Meanwhile, the director of the Kuwait Institute for Medical

Specialisations, Dr Abdullah Al Rifai, has said that the institute is having difficulty in training physicians studying at the institute. "Some clinics do not allow our doctors to change to other clinics for training, he said. He added that the institute's administration was trying to solve this problem with the cooperation of the Health Ministry.

Al Rifai explained that the institute trains in specialisations such as internal medicine, surgery, family medicine, pediatrics and gynaecology. He added that nuclear medicine, laboratory sciences and intensive care courses have been added and that plans are underway to add more specialisations in the near future.

The director said that the institute has a KD one million budget which is part of the Health Ministry's budget. He asked that the budget be given more flexibility since the institute did not function like other ministry establishments.

## Patients' Fund helped 1,500 people in 1987

THE Director of Kuwait's Patients Fund Tahya Abdullah has said that the fund provided financial aid to about 1,500 persons in 1987 compared to 40 in 1982.

He added that the medical committee at the fund was assisting about 195 families with financial support, medical equipment and supplies.

Abdullah said that the fund extended its services to several countries such as Afghanistan, Pakistan, Jordan, Palestine, Singapore, Sudan and Lebanon for the construction of dental clinics, and medical centres.

Abdullah praised the cooperation between the fund and the Ministry of Public Health which is represented by social workers at the ministry hospitals. He added that patients who need assistance from the fund should apply through the social workers' offices where applications are discussed confidentially by specific medical committees.

## Transfer of officials

AN official source at Kuwait's Education Ministry said that the ministry was planning to transfer a number of officials to various departments in the ministry.

In an interview with the Al Mousalmeh Magazine, carried by a local daily, the source said that assistant undersecretaries and a number of educational area directors would not be included in the transfers.

The source said that the changes were being made in the hope that the experiences of these individuals would be of benefit in new positions.

The source added that the changes among headmasters and teachers this year were considered normal and that there were plans to appoint new teachers for the Jahra and Ahmadi educational areas.

## Experts to study Dhahar ground depression

SOURCES at Kuwait's National Housing Authority have been quoted as saying that an international team of experts have been invited by the authority to participate in studies to identify the causes of the ground depression in the Dhahar area.

Sources said that a team arriving from the UK would be bringing equipment to enable them to analyse the soil in the area.

## Ideal employee honoured



Al Ajeel presents the commemorative plaque to Al Rughab.

THE Zakat House held a function recently to honour Khaled Mohammed Al Rughab from the Finance Department who had been selected as the ideal employee for the period from January to March 1988.

The acting director Al Ajeel praised Khaled Al Rughab for his efficiency and sincerity and presented him with a commemorative plaque and a certificate of appreciation.

The ceremony was attended by the acting director of Zakat House, Abdul Kader Al Ajeel, the charity institution director Abdul Hameed Al Rubaie, the head of the selection committee Rashid Al Rashid and the director of Financial Affairs, Waleed Al Jarallah.

Jassar also hailed the Iraqi victory in Faw and the release and return home of Kuwaiti hostages aboard KAC Al Jabriya after 16 days in detention.

The minister, in an interview with Kuna on the occasion of the last ten days of Ramadan usually marked by intensive worshiping by pious Muslims, said that the Islamic world is feeling with the Palestinian brothers who are daily suffering from a merciless and oppressive enemy.

He appealed to the Islamic nations to extend support to the Palestinians now revolting for

almost six months against occupation.

Jassar also hailed the Iraqi victory in recapturing the Faw peninsula from the Iranian occupiers, praying for a speedy end to the more than seven-year old war between the two Muslim neighbours.

The minister elaborated on activities of his ministry in the blessed month of Ramadan including inviting renowned religious scholars to lecture in Kuwait and expediting Muslim preachers to a number of Arab and Islamic countries.

He noted that the ministry extends financial assistance to several Islamic parties and hailed local non-governmental Islamic philanthropic societies for their charitable deeds.

## Driving schools to open soon

THE Director General of Kuwait's Drivers' Training Company Brigadier Saqer Al Jaser said that the company was attempting to work with the General Traffic Department in issuing learning drivers' permits. He added that the driving schools would soon be ready for

operation and that the first school to be opened will be located in the Capital Governorate.

Al Jaser said that the schools would be able to accept all applicants and would provide female instructors for female applicants.

## KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

### Call to clean Kuwait from elements not loyal

AKUWAITI daily called yesterday on the government to clean Kuwait from elements serving foreign interests because these elements "do not deserve the honour of belonging to Kuwait."

Al-Anbaa, in a comment on the explosion on Saturday in a commercial building, said "If there is an isolated and a limited number of a minority that has an extended loyalty to outside this good and genuine land, then it is important to uproot it and withdraw the citizenship from it."

"We demand cleansing Kuwait from elements not loyal and not honest in belonging to it," the newspaper said, noting that Kuwait has done this in the past with a pro-Iranian group and the same step should be done with others if evidence is complete.

Saturday's explosion rocked a commercial building located only one kilometer from the building of the Council of Minister in the heart of busy Kuwait City.

No casualties were reported, but material damage to an office inside the building was heavy.

The sabotage comes only two weeks after another explosion in Kuwait city damaging the office of Saudi Arabian Airlines.

Al-Anbaa said "We will not sit around fearing an explosion today or tomorrow and we will not wait for agents of terrorism to commit their next plan. We must take action and defend Kuwait and its people against any dishonest element who wants to corrupt our land and execute the malicious instructions of the enemy."

### Sanaa-Aden accord hailed

ANOTHER newspaper hailed the recent agreement concluded between North and South Yemen on resolving border dispute and on joint exploitation of oil between the two Arab countries.

Al Wotun said in an editorial the accord is an important step because both Sanaa and Aden are in need of joint action and oil revenues to build up the two countries which suffered poverty and lack of resources for a long time.

The agreement was applauded by Arab countries and peoples which have suffered, as did the Yemen, from discord and conflict among brothers, the paper noted.

It added that Yemen's oil should be a strength to the Arabs and of good results to Yemen and not a cause of discord and struggle among brothers, and stressed that "the joint exploitation of the mineral wealth in the disputed area will add strength to the spirit of unity of the Yemeni people."

In conclusion, the newspaper expressed hope that the agreement would be the onset of other accords between the two halves of Yemen that restore unity to the divided country and prosperous life to the Yemeni people.

## Appeal to issue anti-smoking law

DR HUSSEIN Al Mumin, the Secretary of Kuwait's Anti-Smoking Society, has said that the society will again request the Council of Ministers study the anti-smoking draft law. He added that the council had rejected the draft law when it was first submitted last year.

He said that the public criticised the proposal because it was "old" and "understand" the specific items and claimed that it violated their personal freedom.

Al Mumin explained that the society, after studying the law again, has added some amendments which focus on preventing smoking in public places, while on the job (especially at school) and in hospitals.

He added that the original draft law was more inclusive with such items as a legal smoking age, increased customs duties on the import of cigarettes and making the advertisement of cigarettes in local newspapers and magazines illegal.

## Cultural agreement

SECRETARY-General of the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters Sulaiman Al Askari met here with Bulgarian Ambassador to Kuwait Angel Mantchev during which they approved the execution programme for a cultural agreement for the year 1988 and 1990.

The programme will cover cooperation in the fields of education, science, culture, art, sports, information and press.

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## Arabian peninsula on guard against locusts

RIYADH, May 8, (AP): Swarms of locusts have been sighted in Saudi Arabia's agriculturally important northern regions but officials said yesterday they were confident there would be no crop damage.

Further south on the Arabian Peninsula, fears of a locust invasion were recently dispelled after agriculture officials took a closer look and found them to be grasshoppers.

Dr A. Al Mjeni, plant protection expert with the Omani government, said there were no locust sightings in the Sultanate so far and he saw "a minimal threat" to the rest of the Arabian Peninsula.

The reports underlined the close watch of the situation as the desert countries on the peninsula fear an invasion of the voracious eaters of vegetation swinging through from locust-infested areas of North Africa.

In the arid expanses of these countries, agricultural areas are preciously guarded. Oil-rich Saudi Arabia has grown and harvested wheat in recent years, a matter of national pride especially when exports of the

grain began in 1986 to countries in Europe and lately even to the Soviet Union.

Salem Bomofoleh, Director-General of the Agricultural Research Centre in the Saudi Red Sea port city of Jeddah, who was reached by telephone, said of the citings in the northern regions of the kingdom "some swarms were 10 kilometres by 10 kilometres (6 by 6 miles)."

Two swarms were cited in Tabuk, where wheat is grown, but Bomofoleh said those swarms were "completely controlled before egg-laying" by both ground teams and aerial spraying.

Six swarms in the Al Jouf area, also a wheat-producing region, have already laid eggs which are expected to hatch mid-May.

Equipped and qualified teams are controlling the locusts now," said Bomofoleh. "They are also surveying the area to find out if more swarms have invaded."

He said he did not expect the kingdom to experience any crop damage from the invasion. So far, the sightings have been confined to the country's northern regions and there have been

no reports of locusts in Riyadh, the capital.

"There has been no damage, but we don't know what will happen in the future," said Bomofoleh. "We expect more swarms in mid-May, and according to the weather conditions, not again until November." At that time, he suspects the swarms now in North Africa to make their way east.

**Spotted**  
In Oman where locusts invaded a 23-kilometre (14-mile) stretch in the eastern Sharqia region two years ago and stripped the area of vegetation, worried farmers raised the alarm when they spotted a massive swarm north of the capital Muscat late last month.

But when the investigating officials tracked it down to the village of Bahla, the intruders were revealed to be grasshoppers.

"It was a case of mistaken identity," Al Mjeni said. "Grasshoppers are attracted to light and, not surprisingly, they congregated near the governor's office which is well illuminated at night. People often mistake grasshoppers for locusts."

## Social services committee to meet

THE Higher Planning Council's social services committee holds a meeting today under the chairmanship of Ahmad Saad Al Jasser.

The committee will host Planning Minister, Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi, to discuss a number of studies that will be launched to the council's general secretariat.

The committee follows up prevailing social phenomena and their impact on the society and present recommendations that will help stabilise social life.

The committee groups Dr Khaled Al Mathkur, Issa Majed Al Shaheen, Menezel Al Enezi and Nayef Al Dabbous.

## Queries bank

THE head of the public relations unit at the Educational Research Centre, Anwar Khalifa Al Tarawera, said that the queries bank would take several years to complete.

The implementation of the queries bank is in response to a request by the Education Ministry to enhance and streamline all educational requirements. The proposed bank would cover a broad-spectrum of educational disciplines, skills, behavioural patterns and other areas of national educational strategy. Additionally, it would be of immense benefit to teachers.

Al Tarawera stated that the technical committee and related sub-committees have started the process of stipulating specifications, objectives and implementation phases.

## Kuwaiti teachers needed to fill vacancies

THE director of Farwaniya educational area Khaled Al Sulaimin stated there have been many resignations among second teachers in the area and resulting vacancies would be offered to teachers qualified in different specialties. He believed new Kuwaiti teachers were needed to occupy vacancies in the intermediate and secondary

stages and the area needed additional schools.

Al Sulaimin added that the percentage of Kuwaiti teachers currently operating in the area was 97 per cent in kindergartens, 90 per cent in the primary stage. However, the intermediate and secondary stages needed Kuwaiti teachers. Further, to

complement the existing school curriculum, he felt that the area strongly favoured the holding and organising of social, educational and health symposia to enhance national development. Over and above, the area also encouraged the organisation of extra-curricular activities in cooperation with other government scientific and educational

institutions to help students develop their individual talents and mould their literary or scientific capabilities.

He concluded the area's five-year plan included the construction of a number of schools in Andalus and Firdous to meet the educational requirements in these areas.

## Pilgrims to Makkah require vaccination against meningitis

RIYADH, May 8, (AP): Pilgrims travelling to Saudi Arabia this year will require vaccinations against meningitis, medical authorities announced yesterday.

Dr Abdullah A.J. Al Anizi, director-general of the Ministry of Health's contagious and parasitic disease department, said pilgrims should be vaccinated three weeks in advance.

Al Anizi said those who cannot produce a health certificate will be vaccinated when they reach Saudi Arabia, adding: "It will be effective, but not as effective as one given three weeks in advance."

Confirming news published earlier in the day in Saudi newspapers, he said: "I'm afraid it is a must. We are concerned about their safety."

The Saudi Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the World Health Organisation have notified countries sending pilgrims about the new requirement, he said.

"Last year, we registered some cases of meningitis after Haj," said Dr Al Anizi. "So we want to put an emphasis on preventive measures, rather than waiting for something to happen."

He noted that the kingdom has purchased enough meningitis vaccine for all foreign residents of the kingdom performing Haj,

as well as for pilgrims from other countries who arrive without the proper health certificate.

The vaccination, to be given free of charge, will be administered at all ports of entry to Saudi Arabia.

Some 2 million Muslims from all over the world, including Saudis and foreigners residing in the kingdom, converge on Makkah every year for the annual pilgrimage of Haj to Islam's holiest shrines.

## Heat

The pilgrimage culminates with the feast of sacrifice, which is calculated by the lunar calendar and falls this year in the latter part of July. The excessive summer heat of the region, which is in the range of 120 Fahrenheit (48 Centigrade) and the large numbers of pilgrims provide fertile ground for diseases to spread.

The first pilgrims are expected to arrive in the kingdom in the middle of June.

Meningitis, an inflammation of the tissues of the brain or of the spinal cord, can be either bacterial or viral. The bacterial form can kill within hours of infection, while the viral form is only sometimes fatal.

The bacterial form usually affects infants or children and is normally spread through a sinus or respiratory infection. The

## Governor's Cup presented

FINALS of the Hawalli Governor's Cup concluded recently with the presentation of the Governor's Cup to the winning teams of the various competitions.

Finals were held in table tennis between the Police College and the Hawalli Governorate and in billiards between the Criminal

Investigation Department and the Hawalli Governorate.

The finals, held at the Rawdah Officers Club, were attended by the Director of Hawalli Security Colonel Abdul Aziz Al Shamlan, who represented the Hawalli Governor Sheikh Salman Al Humoud Al Sabah.



The cup is presented to one of the winners by Colonel Abdul Aziz Al Shamlan (right).

## Roudhan reports to cabinet on Dhahar area

THE Council of Ministers yesterday held an ordinary meeting under the chairmanship of HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah.

In statements following the meeting, State Minister for Cabinet Affairs, Rashid Al Rashid, said the cabinet took note of the content of the message sent by HH the Amir to King Fahd of Saudi Arabia.

The message dealt with the convening of the sixth summit of the Organisation of Islamic Conference scheduled to be hosted by Senegal, as well as the bilateral relations and issues of mutual concern.

The council was also acquainted with the PLO chairman Yasser Arafat's message to the Amir, in which Arafat expressed the PLO's appreciation for the Amir's sympathy and condolences on the assassination of Palestinian leader Khalil Al Wazir.

State Minister for Housing Affairs, Nasser Al Roudhan, submitted a report on the efforts exerted by the technical committee entrusted with studying the phenomenon of land subsidence

in various areas of the country and in cooperation with a number of foreign experts.

Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa acquainted the council on the recent Vienna-based Opec meeting in which discussions centered on the production quotas of member states and the formation of a committee including representatives of member countries to determine the technical issues related to definition of production with the aim of securing fair and balanced quotas for members.

The council viewed with great appreciation the meeting between President of Yemen Arab Republic, Ali Abdullah Saleh and the Secretary General of the Yemeni Socialist Party in Democratic Yemen, Ali Salem Al Beidh.

The cabinet expressed satisfaction and optimism toward the meeting and its results not only at the Yemeni level but also at the Arab level.

The cabinet also discussed a number of local issues and took appropriate decisions in this respect.

## Murder suspect apprehended

ACCORDING to a local newspaper, security men in Faiha apprehended a 21 year Kuwaiti alleged to be the murderer of a 19-year-old divorcee.

Investigations reveal that the suspect an ex-employee of the

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The suspect has been detained for interrogation at Faiha police station.

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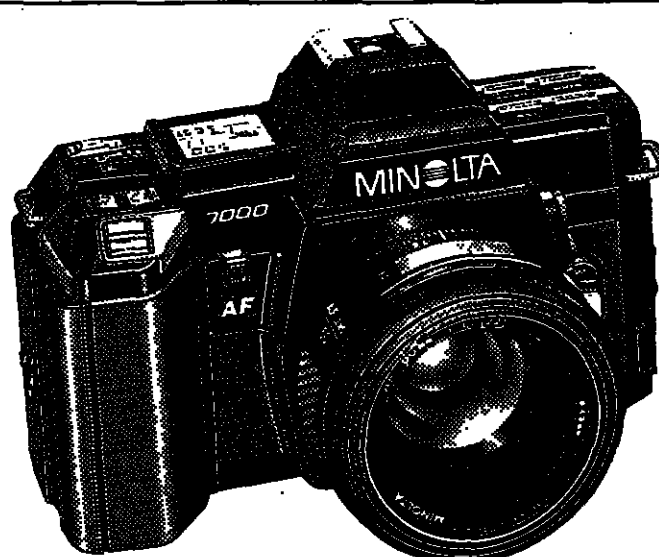
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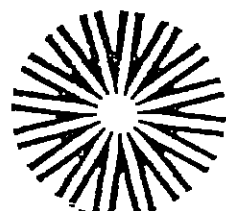
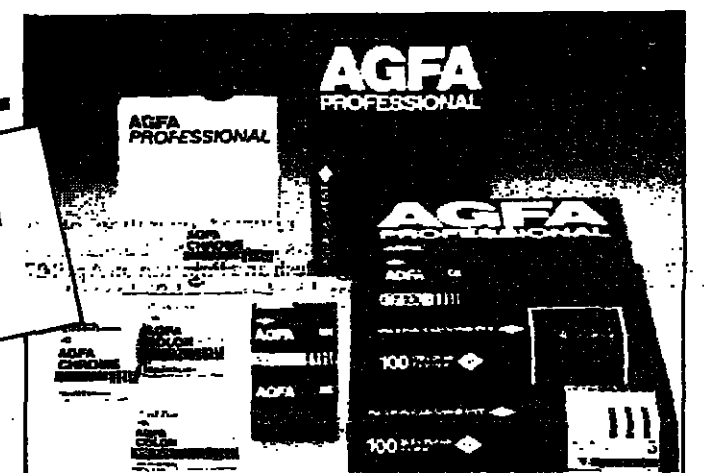
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OF all the things you wear, your expression is the most important — John Ruskin, English writer-art critic (1819-1900).

## OPINION

### Hezbollah: Iran's terrorist wing

HEZBOLLAH sold Lebanon to Iran by converting it into an enclave for terrorism. While Hezbollah kidnaps and kills, Iran collects the ransom, paying a little to Hezbollah in Lebanon.

With inflation devaluing the Lebanese pound, any amount Iran pays its ally seems like a lot, especially when compared to the benefits Iran receives from Hezbollah. Through Hezbollah Iran got its money from France and weapons from the US.

The victim of Hezbollah's terrorism is Lebanon, where destruction continues to increase as revenge is sought for Hezbollah's terrorism throughout the world. This is the reason for the fighting between the Amal and Hezbollah militias now.

Amal, who have disassociated themselves from those who cooperate with the foreigners fighting against the Arabs in their country, are the more respectable of the Arab Shiites.

Iranian money has brainwashed some of the Arab Lebanese and they have turned their loyalty from their country, to the sect, creating one of the most dangerous issues that the Arab world has ever faced.

Many Hezbollah followers were converted to Iranian agents for mercenary reasons. Iran pays them a pittance from its earnings in world terrorism, but even this small amount has been effective in brainwashing many people particularly teenagers.

So, a victory for Amal over Hezbollah means another defeat, among many, for the Iranian regime during this holy month of Ramadan.

Hezbollah began facing difficulties when it failed to land the hijacked jetliner at the Beirut airport. They had planned to land the plane in Beirut, take the passengers from the plane and hold them as they have other foreign hostages, bargaining with their lives from time to time.

The failures increase, and, with them, the defeats of the Iranian regime continue.

The success of Amal in destroying Hezbollah and its terrorist enclaves would certainly signal the beginning of a new era in Lebanon.

All sects in Lebanon must stop selling their country's national security to foreign forces, who exploit the Lebanese civil war and the terrorist enclaves there.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

## Iranian exiles dream of homeland

By Raj Chonkar

MIDNAPORE, India. (UPI) — Mirza Hussain remembers the last words his 65-year-old father spoke before he succumbed to a heart attack: "You must find some way to return."

With that utterance, Ashiq Ali in January passed to his 25-year-old son the responsibility of leading a 200-strong clan back to a land they have never seen and that does not want them.

Since December 1985, the tightly knit tribe of Safavi Shiite Muslims, who claim to be descended from Iranian nomads, has lived in tattered, sun-bleached tents on a dusty lot next to the train station in Midnapore, a bustling town 60 miles (100 km) west of Calcutta.

They survive on the scanty income earned by the men bawling cheap sunglasses in the streets, leaving the women and 40 children in the camp.

"The railway people want us to move out and they abuse the children when they go and fetch water," complained Hussain's aged mother, Sharifa Bibi.

The Safavis say they are descendants of inhabitants of the village of Lar in Iran's Shiraz district, who fled government repression in 1906.

Wandered

Horse traders by profession, they wandered as far as Burma and then back to India, which they criss-crossed with their herds. Their nomadic existence ended when Hussain's grandfather, Shadaj Beg, decided the clan should settle in Durgapur, 70 miles (110 km) north of Midnapore.

Life was good for the Safavis, who took up spectacle manufacturing and gem cutting, purchased houses, learned Bengali and sent their children to school. But they always kept alive the dream of one day returning to Iran.

"None of us here have seen Iran," said Hussain. "We only heard the story that my father heard from his father. We speak Farsi and adhere to all Iranian customs. We marry only within the community."

The answer to their prayers appeared to come in 1980 when Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini announced that all Iranians without criminal records were welcome to return home.

Hussain's father began an exchange of letters with the Iranian

embassy in New Delhi. He and other community elders went there for talks with Iranian diplomats that Hussain said resulted in a promise of repatriation.

In November 1985, a letter from the embassy informed the clan, he said, the arrangements had been finalised. The families sold their homes and businesses and took with them only the belongings they could carry — and a total of Rs 50,000 (\$3,870). But bad news awaited them in New Delhi.

"We were told to go back. That we would be sent for," recalled Hussain. "Although my father alternatively protested and pleaded, the embassy was adamant. We stayed in New Delhi for a month."

Embittered by his failure and too proud to return to ridicule in Durgapur, Ali decided the clan should settle among strangers. He led the clan off the train in Midnapore, a town chosen at random.

"He wanted to go to a place where nobody knew us," said Hussain.

By then, their funds exhausted, the clan was virtually destitute.

"I remember we didn't have food for two days when we came here," said Reysu Ali, 12, in a tent adorned with a picture of Khomeini. "During the monsoon our tents leaked and we had to sleep in the station."

"Previously, when we were in Durgapur, the (Iranian) embassy would send financial aid for the children's education," recalled Feroze Ali Kurza. "But since our coming to Midnapore, it has sent us nothing."

In New Delhi, Iranian embassy spokesman B. Behrooz said officials had concluded the refugees were not descended from Iranians.

"They do speak Farsi, but that does not mean they are Iranian," he said. "A lot of people in India, Pakistan and Afghanistan speak Farsi. You speak English and it does not mean you are from England."

"We categorically reject that they were promised rehabilitation in Iran," Behrooz said.

Hussain still writes regularly to the Iranian embassy, without success. Members of the clan cannot understand why they must remain in India.

"If our country can support Afghan refugees, why can't they take us back?" asked Syed Mirza, 22.

## Rebels may harass troops as they leave

# Soviet forces weigh options for Afghan pullout

By Hugh Pain

KABUL, (Reuters): The Soviet forces in Afghanistan begin their pullout on May 15 under last month's Geneva accords.

But the questions facing them are how and whether the anti-government mujahedeen rebels will harass them as they go.

Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, current leader of the seven-party rebel alliance in Pakistan, left no doubt as to the latter.

"We will stick to our plan to attack the Soviets constantly until the last Soviet soldier leaves our country," he said.

The logistics of the withdrawal are less predictable.

Afghanistan is a landlocked country 1,200 km (800 miles) across and 800 km (500 miles) deep, bounded to the south and east by Pakistan, to the west by Iran and to the north by the Soviet Union.

In a land of primitive communications, the major highway loops like a necklace from Soviet Uzbekistan in the north-east, south through Kabul and

Ghazni, across to Kandahar and up through Herat in the far west to the border with Soviet Turkmenistan.

So Soviet strategists have two major choices — to fall back on Kabul and then take the short 300 km (200 mile) route north, or to send their troops the long way round to the west, gathering up men and equipment as they head for Kuchika, 120 km (80 miles) north of Herat.

### Choices

"The Soviets know some of the mujahedeen will want to have a go at them, so they will want to move fast, not slowly," said a Western diplomat in the Afghan capital. "For this reason everybody assumes they will fold back in on Kabul and take the shorter eastern route."

But the highway to the border at Termez has to pass through the 7.6 km (4.8 mile) Salang tunnel, where 1,100 Soviet troops died in a possibly accidental fire in 1982.

"If the mujahedeen could dynamite the Salang, the Soviets

would be trapped, so they may send some of their troops back by the western route, both to reduce the risk and to divide the mujahedeen forces," said the diplomat.

### Ambushes

The Western route has the added attraction of running through relatively flat country with little scope for ambushes.

Military experts here say the Soviet forces have the armour and fire-power to keep any Afghan road open for a while, so the choice of route may ultimately be decided by who holds the towns along the road.

"The (Afghan) regime is trying to keep Herat, Kandahar, Ghazni and Jalalabad (in the east, close to Pakistan) and the northern cities," said a military attaché.

"As the Russians pull out of these places it will put its own men in. They are well-equipped with Soviet guns, tanks and aircraft, which are well-maintained so far, and they are well dug in, so the assumption that the mujahedeen will walk straight in may

prove far from the truth."

Diplomats say the Russians are confident the Afghan Army can keep control of the southern towns at least until August, when under the Geneva agreement half of the 115,000 Soviet troops should have gone.

At this point they expect them to abandon the western route and make Kabul into a defensive "porcupine", pulling their troops back into the city and thence north through strong defensive either side of the Salang Road.

### Safe

"Kabul is safe for us as well as the Russians — certainly until the last Russian leaves," said one diplomat, unperturbed by the occasional rocket fired into the city by the mujahedeen in the surrounding hills.

But he was uneasy about what would happen after the Soviet withdrawal. "Military convention says attackers need a four- or five-to-one advantage to overturn a defended perimeter. But some of the Army will melt away

after the Russians go, and you may get strikes, riots or a mujahedeen fifth column inside the city."

A defence analyst said the Russians would destroy their most sensitive command and signals installations as they withdrew and would take with them advanced equipment like SU-25 fighters and BTR80 armoured personnel carriers.

But they would leave relatively modern armaments like MiG-23 fighters, a few dozen T-62 tanks, SA-2 and SA-3 air defence missiles and BM-21 "Stalin organ" rocket launchers.

### Airlifted

The Afghan government forces also have, and know how to handle, the Mi-8 and Mi-24 helicopter gunships. "So if the mujahedeen have less Western support — as they are supposed to under the Geneva agreement — and fewer Stinger missiles, they are in for a rough time," said the analyst.

Most Soviet troops are expected to be out by late this year and

the rest, covered by Afghan Army control of Kabul, could be airlifted, leaving their remaining heavy equipment behind.

"I don't think the Soviets are going to have a problem withdrawing," said a diplomat. "I think some (rebel) will bar them, but not the sensible ones."

Among the "sensible" ones is Pakistan, Sibtullah Mojadidi, chief of the Afghan National Liberation Front, said his strategy was to encourage the Soviets to leave unopposed.

"We will not attack them once we are sure they are withdrawing," he said.

But diplomats in Kabul and Islamabad say the guerrillas will want to capture a large town as soon as possible to show they can pose a real threat to the government in Kabul.

If some mujahedeen score an early success, for instance by capturing Kandahar or ambushing a Soviet column, one diplomat said, "the rest might not be able to resist the opportunity, and then the Soviets would have to really turn round and hit them."



## Americans love to make fun of occupants of White House

WASHINGTON, (AP): Americans love to make fun of the occupants of the White House, and President Ronald Reagan and wife Nancy have just given them an excuse.

What the killer rabbit was for Jimmy Carter and the bump on the head was for Gerald Ford, the signs of the Zodiac may become for Reagan.

Actually, not much of an excuse is needed to make Americans laugh about presidents. Lyndon Johnson was subjected to endless jokes just for pulling up his shirt and showing his scar from gall bladder surgery. Abraham Lincoln was a figure of fun because of his habit of telling tall stories. Richard Nixon drew guffaws for dressing up White House guards in uniforms reminiscent of a comic opera.

Impact

Once in a while, though, something happens that strikes the public funny bone with special impact. For Carter, it all started on a spring afternoon in 1979 when he told some of his aides, gathered on a balcony of the White House, about his encounter with a swamp rabbit as he fished in a pond on his farm.

Carter said the animal was hissing and gnashing its teeth and seemed intent on climbing into his boat. He said he took action by splashing water at the rabbit with his paddle to shoot it away.

Carter's press secretary, Jody Powell, who was in the group on



President Reagan

the balcony, later wrote, "I had been doing my job, I would have stopped the president at that moment, pointed out the dangers to him and his administration if such a story ever got out, and sworn him and all within reach of his voice to secrecy."

Instead, Powell told the story, several months later, to a reporter, Brooks Jackson, of the Associated Press, who wrote a light-hearted column about it. It was a "nightmare," said Powell. "The story ran for more than a week. The president was repeatedly asked to explain his behaviour at Town Hall meetings, press conferences, and meetings with editors."

Ford inadvertently broke into comedy one rainy day in Salzburg, Austria, as he walked down

the steps of his airplane on arrival for an international meeting with one arm under his wife and the other holding an umbrella.

Two or three steps from the bottom of the ramp, by his count, his heel caught on something. With no free arm to grab a rail, he tumbled onto the tarmac, then jumped to his feet, unhurt.

"From that moment on, every time I stumbled or bumped my head or fell in the snow, reporters zeroed in on that to the exclusion of almost everything else," Ford complained, in his White House memoirs. "Their antics — and I'll admit I'll laugh at them myself — helped create the public perception of me as a stumbler. And that wasn't funny," said Ford.

Clumsiness

Not only that, but television stars such as Johnny Carson and Chevy Chase made Ford's alleged clumsiness a staple of their satirical routines. Now comes former White House Chief of Staff Donald T. Regan, reportedly saying in a forthcoming book that Mrs. Reagan used astrology to temper the timing of presidential speeches and travel. The report reminded people that the President also has professed interest in astrology.

Both Carter and Ford had elections coming up when the snickers about the rabbit and the stumbles began. Both lost. Reagan doesn't have that to worry about. He isn't running.

## Ethiopia adopts agricultural reforms

By Patrick Moser

ADDIS ABABA, (UPI): Ethiopia has taken what experts believe is a first step to toward breaking the cycle of famine, even while ordering Western workers to halt short-term famine relief efforts in the drought-stricken northern war zone.

Ethiopian authorities recently adopted a package of agricultural reforms aimed at giving farmers new incentives and making farming more efficient.

Farmers from surplus areas will no longer be banned from selling in deficit areas. Most important, producer prices will be increased by an average of 10 per cent, and the increase will be reviewed annually.

The reform can have no instant effect. Impoverished Ethiopia is again begging foreign donors to feed its people —

though not people in its rebelling provinces of Eritrea and Tigray. Even if rains do come later this year, 1989 is likely to be yet another crisis year with more than one million new mouths to feed.

### Famines

But experts believe famines could be averted in the future. For this, foreign donors would have to spend much more on long-term aid. Socialist Ethiopia would need to reduce dramatically its medieval inefficient farms. The new policy moves in that direction.

"The new agricultural policy is a breakthrough because the government has agreed for the first time there have to be remunerative prices, which not only cover the cost of production but also include a profit," said Ingo Loerbrock, who heads the UN food and agriculture office in Ethiopia.

Ethiopian officials say

privately the new package is the first significant agricultural reform since medieval times.

The European Economic Community responded by giving Ethiopia grants totalling \$250 million, including \$100 million in direct support of the plan. Not all Western donors, however, are enthusiastic.

Frederick Machmer, who represents the US Agency for International Development in Addis Ababa, said his organisation — barred by US law from giving developmental aid — "will remain skeptical of the new policies."

He also said the change was long overdue.

### Reform

"Since 1985, even the Soviets have been telling the Ethiopians to reform their agricultural policies," he said. The new policies, he concludes, resulted from a realisation that "something must change to avoid further famines."

Mengistu Haile Mariam's pro-Soviet government has been widely criticised for ignoring farm needs, thereby contributing to food shortages. Most farmers produce just enough for themselves and their families. Often they prefer to barter any surpluses privately rather than sell them at low official prices to the state-run Agricultural Marketing Board.

Until now, government support has been reserved largely for Soviet-style state farms and cooperatives, which despite ambitious collectivisation plans still only represent some 6 per cent of the agricultural sector.

### Crisis

"Ethiopian farmers were the first to use the plough, but nothing has changed since," said a United Nations official in Addis Ababa of the country's antiquated farming techniques.

Relief officials say the current crisis would continue in 1989 even if the rains are good. So severe is the drought that farmers have sold their ploughing oxen, are likely to eat their seeds and virtually none have any food reserves.

"Famine cannot be overcome

in one year," said Gregory Flynn of the Ethiopian Catholic secretariat. "People here live at subsistence level at the best of times."

"The world must recognise that there are no short-term solutions to the Ethiopian famine and that the commitment must be on a long-term basis," he said.

This year Ethiopia will produce 1.3 million tons of food less than it takes to feed its people. Even increasing food output by that amount would not be enough: a population growth of 2.9 per cent a year means 1.3 million new babies in 1989.

"To feed everyone, we need a sustained growth rate of 10 per cent over the next three to four years, something that has never been achieved in Africa," said Loerbrock.

### Erosion

To make matters worse, more than 80 per cent of farmers live in the highly eroded northern highlands, which also contain 95 per cent of regularly cropped land. Erosion of the already fragile highlands continues at a frightening speed.

Yet donors believe the situation is not entirely desperate. Less than 10 per cent of arable land is used. Experts say the area of production could be doubled over 10 years while yields could be increased by 50 per cent.

But to achieve this, Ethiopia will need money, a scarce commodity in a poor country fighting drought and an internal war. Foreign development aid to Ethiopia amounts to \$9 per capita, compared with \$70 for neighbouring pro-American Somalia and an \$18 average for black Africa.

Washington, for one, will not rush in with development money.

"There can be no question of the United States providing regular development assistance to a government which doesn't meet the most fundamental prerequisites for receiving such assistance in our judgement," said a senior State Department official, who described Ethiopia as "a massive abuser of human rights."

## Leaders see their future in the stars

THE disclosure that Nancy Reagan consulted astrologers in the White House is only the latest example of soothsaying in high places.

Julius Caesar, Winston Churchill and Adolf Hitler all found cause to look to the stars and, among modern-day leaders, Indira Gandhi was widely believed to consult astrologers for guidance.

Two thousand years ago, Caesar regularly used astrology to plot military and political moves, but the Roman general ignored to his cost the soothsayer who told him to "beware the ides of March." On March 15, in 44 BC he was assassinated.

Churchill and Hitler played their own "star wars" during World War II. The phlegmatic British leader, learning that Hitler used an astrologer, hired his own to predict the German dictator's possible moves. The play worked so well that Hitler fired his astrologer in 1944 for predicting the outcome of the war.

Astrology

"Hitler did use astrology and several close aides were even more involved in it, Reichsfuehrer Heinrich Himmler especially," Bonn historian Karl Dietrich Barcher told Reuters. "But that is not as strange as it may sound. Polls show that up to 80 per cent of people actually believe in astrology, in varying degrees."

Astrology in politics can backfire, however, as opposition members of parliament in Thailand recently discovered.

They sought astrologers' help to topple Premier Prem Tinsulanonda last month and filed a no-confidence motion at 10.42 am on April 8 — a time astrologers calculated to be Prem's most vulnerable moment.

Prem "for sure" would fall, the soothsayers predicted. But they failed to foresee Prem's dissolution of the lower house last Friday, ending the censure bid and now the members are scrambling to get their jobs back.

In India, where most people consult astrologers before taking

major decisions and five-star hotels in New Delhi have resident soothsayers, most Indian politicians consult astrologers before taking major political decisions.

Indira Gandhi, who was assassinated in 1984, was widely thought to consult astrologers although she never admitted doing so.

### Consult

A spokesman for Rajiv Gandhi said the Indian prime minister was an exception. "He doesn't consult astrologers and does not believe in any supernatural phenomenon."

Indonesian President Suharto has been known to meditate in caves, using traditional techniques of Japanese mysticism. Suharto took former Australian Prime Minister Gough Whitlam to a cave in central Java in 1975 for one such meditation session.

The late German astrologer Margarete Buchela — "Madame Buchela" — said former chancellor Konrad Adenauer was one of her clients. She told Der Spiegel magazine in 1981 that she still had several prominent politicians among her customers, but refused to name them.

Mrs Reagan, in conforming on Tuesday she had consulted astrologers, is not the first US president's wife to seek advice from unorthodox sources.

### Seances

Abraham Lincoln's wife, Mary, held seances in the White House and mediums are said to have warned her about potential enemies in his cabinet.

Earlier this century the wives of both President Woodrow Wilson and Warren Harding received mediums at the White House.

President Reagan himself denied astrology has ever influenced his policies and decisions and in Moscow, observers said there was no evidence his host at this month's Moscow summit, Mikhail Gorbachev, consults soothsayers or stars.

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By Fathima Ahmed

THE pleasure of watching a film on the big screen was recently reintroduced by a kind friend. The pleasure was mine: seeing a film in the cinema felt good. The sound, music, costumes, sets and other details were more pronounced. And being in the cinema hall was fun — after being accustomed to fast forwarding all songs on video, it was nice to rediscover the joy of going on a flight of fantasy with "Kaun hai woh..." and "Hey you" in Shahenshah. Even the clichéd romance between Amitabh and a delectable Meenakshi seemed infectious. Everything around Amitabh, except Meenakshi, is mediocre in Shahenshah. Yet, it was fun to watch the superstar huff and puff in the film. On video, the experience was claustrophobic.

Returning to the video world was like jumping from the sea into a puddle. Every video film is interrupted, at an average, every 20 minutes. There is only one interval in the cinema hall. K. Bapaiah's Charnon Ki Saugandh is a prime example of needless interruptions jarring narration. Each time Mithun becomes emotional, the video owners decide it is time to interrupt with a repetition of Asha's melodious songs or Lata's Geet or an advertisement of some product that is commonly used. Such interruptions are annoying.

Charnon Ki Saugandh is

## Big is beautiful

high drama, K. Bapaiah's way of supporting socialism. Bapaiah's idea of socialism seems plausible as Mithun goes around the village, belittling everything the landlord does. The idea is to humiliate the rich and glorify the poor, or bring them on a par with the rich.

Bapaiah takes the easy way out: he devises a far-fetched plot — the rich man's daughter marries the poor man's son. The desire to draw parallels from mythology seems dominant in most films. Here, a father gambles his daughter in a political game.

Bapaiah deserves credit for not going overboard with melodrama, and being consistently true to intent. Even when Ravi marries Kanchan, the girl's affections don't change overnight (as so often happens in films). Kanchan is adamantly against the marriage — and her husband.

Normally, filmmakers go berserk when they lay their hands on a movie with "emotional overtones". Bapaiah has underplayed melodrama, injecting it in just the right amount, sufficient to retain interest. Bapaiah knows



Amrita Singh: tolerable

where to draw the line. A fierce fight erupts between the honest, hardworking loyal father, Govind (Dr Shree Ram Lagoo), and his belligerent educated son, Ravi. There was scope to go bananas. They don't. But Mama (Kader Khan) and his henchman (Asrani) do — with so-called comedy.

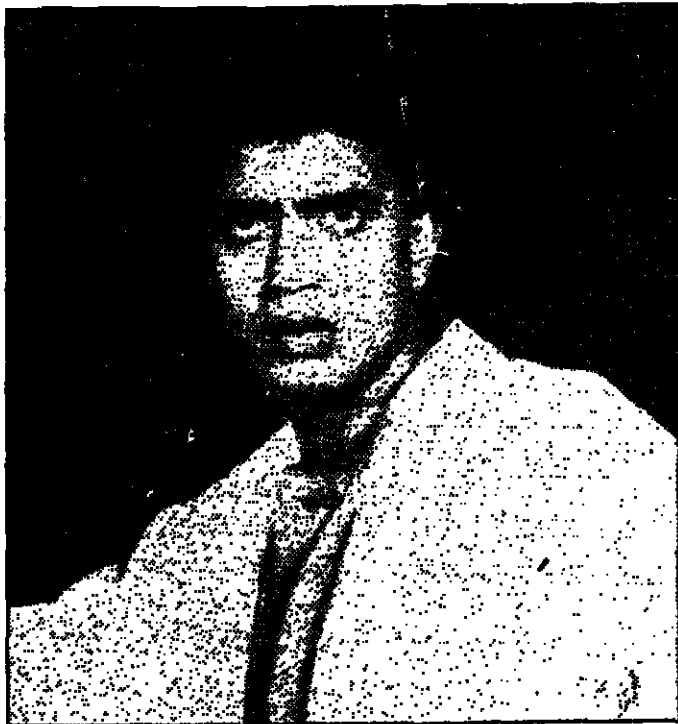
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in films. He has all the fire. Now, he seems to be getting the fuel.

Romance is in the air of Qayamat se Qayamat Tak. No one knows why the title is so unromantic. Newcomers Jui Chawla and Amir Khan debut as the young lovers, caught in family rivalry. Sounds familiar? It has shades of Bobby. Love Story, Ek Duje Ke Liya and many other sagas of "immortal love" between two people. This one is a romantic tragedy. Perhaps, romance is a tragedy. The events leading to the depressing end are frivolous — not the stuff that epics are made of — but light, fluffy and frothy, romantic.

You sympathise with the young girl, whose despotic father discovers her love affair; we smile a little when she manages to get off the hook and elopes with her boyfriend and the two love-birds nest in a dilapidated temple.

Amir Khan looks too innocent to play anyone but a young romantic, Jui Chawla is a fresh, appealing actress, and has all that it takes to win over male fans.



Mithun: the latest angry young man

Qayamat... has shades of the 1960s, the Nasir Hussain touch; this film is directed by Mansoor Khan, when romance was lovely, separation a disaster and reunion a time to rejoice. The villains were simple folk, idealistic, bogged down in pride and prejudice. To watch such films, you can switch off your mind and switch on the video. Qayamat, despite its title, is good, clean entertain-

ment. The desire to see some sense in Hasrat was unfulfilled, even after sitting through the long, drawn out drama — a love triangle. Hasrat had the makings of an acceptable drama. Along the way, as Raman strays, so does the script.

Raman is a doctor, happily married, and deeply in love with his wife, Radha. When he meets the lovely Kiran, an actress, love sparks fly. Raman is lost in Kiran's eyes. So is the theme. It seems to come to a standstill. Raman looks into Kiran's eyes. The camera stops — it seems for an eternity.

When it rolls again, he is smoking — the smoke bubbles filling the room. Apparently, he is contemplating: "To tell or not to tell my wife." The wife knows. That is irrelevant.

On second thoughts, it would be a good idea not to think about the dilemma in Hasrat. The trouble is that both Kiran and Radha are expecting a baby. Raman has no idea what to do. The director, though, is certain of the outcome. So are you. Hasrat is painfully slow, punctuated by lengthy pauses — longer songs and unbelievable drama. Forget it.

The above films are by courtesy of Athari Video, Main St., Farwania. Tel: 4712900.

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

### KTV 1

- 1.00 Holy Quran
- 1.10 Tao Tao: cartoons
- 2.00 Zahrat Al Saif: historical serial
- 3.00 Istafarat Ramadan
- 3.35 Jaroo: daily serial, featuring Zuhair Numan, Maha Saleh, Dawood Jalal
- 4.45 Sanawat Al Sabar: daily Arabic serial, starring Suhair Mursidi, Magdi Wahba, Hamdi Ahmad, George Seedham
- 5.30 Hadith Deeni: religious talk by Sheikh Mohammad Mutwalli Al Sharawi
- 6.30 Cartoons
- 6.45 After Ifar
- 7.00 Madinat Al Riyah: children's serial, featuring Khalid Al Obaid, Abdul Rahman Al Aqal, Jassim Nabhan, Mohammad Jaber, Ahmad Saleh
- 8.00 Alwan: hosted by Rolah Al Farah
- 8.30 Quran and Science: presented by Ahmad Shawki Ibrahim. Tonight's episode is "Alam Al Bahar"
- 9.10 Dairat Al Khair: religious programme
- 9.30 Ramadan Contest: 10.00 News in Arabic
- 11.00 Musafir: Bila Hawaiyya: daily serial, starring Hayat Al Fahad, Ghanem Al Saleh
- 12.00 Late Night Serial: Saber, Ya Umm Saber, Daily serial
- 1.00 Hilm Al Hamish: Arabic drama
- 2.15 News Summary
- 2.20 Holy Quran/Closedown



Jessica Fletcher (Angela Lansbury) in Murder, She Wrote.

- 10.00 Understanding Islam
- 10.30 Murder She Wrote: "Steal Me A Story." A TV station has stolen a story idea from Jessica's book for a serial they are making.
- 11.30 Survival: "Gallapagos" Man Came to Eden.
- 12.00 Hanlon: "In Defence of Thomas Kordac". A captain is charged with burning his ship; evidence is produced to support the claim. Yet, the captain pleads not guilty.
- 1.30 News in Brief
- 1.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

### KTV 2

- 8.00 Holy Quran
- 8.10 Wildlife: cartoon serial
- 8.30 The Animal Express
- 9.00 News in English
- 9.40 Islamic Horizon: "The Forty Hadith"

## WHAT'S ON

### ARTS

**Iwan Gallery**  
An exhibition of paintings by Iraqi artist: Sa'di Abbas is open daily from 10 am to 1 pm and 8 to 11 pm at the gallery, the Zakia complex, Salmiya.

**Sultan Gallery**  
The Islamic Heritage of Spain is open daily from 10 am to 1 pm and 7 to 10 pm at the gallery, Al Ghanim Bldg., Al Soud St.

### THEATRE

**Natya Bharati**  
Natya Bharati, a group of Indian amateur dramatists, will present a Hindi play, Undersecretary, a comedy, on May 18, 7 pm, at the Indian Arts Circle auditorium.

**Got Rhythm**  
A musical show featuring songs by Yusuf Karam and presented in the Grand Ballroom, Regency Palace hotel, on June 2, Thursday. Tickets — KD 10 including dinner. Produced and directed by Glenis Muckle and Kerry Langley. All proceeds will be donated to the British charity Medical Aid for Palestinians to help Dr Pauline Cutting, OBE, and her team, to provide medical care for refugees. For details call 2627003.

**Kuwait Singers**  
Songs for a Summer Evening is the title of a concert by the Singers. It will be held at 8 pm on May 31 and June 1 at the UAS, Salwa. Tickets — KD 2. For reservations ring 3940770 ext. 57; 5384873; 5740627 (answering service).

**Konkani drama**  
The Colva Dramatic Troupe will present a Konkani drama entitled "Mujem Dusrem Ghor" on May 20, 4 pm, at the Indian Arts Circle, Funaites. The play has been written by Rosary Fernandes. Performers include Mendes brothers, Cajetan Sanvordem, Marcus Vaz, Xavier Gomes and Agostinho Rebello. For tickets contact Colva committee members.

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Baghdad Pharmacy  
Abdullah Al Salem St.

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Shamsan St.

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Al Hiba Pharmacy  
Amman St.

Fahad and Ahmadi  
Al Khaleej Pharmacy  
Mujammah St., F'heel

Jeeb Al Shiyooh  
Al Palestine Pharmacy  
Munira: Obaid Al Rajae Bldg., Main St.

Jahra  
Al Noor Pharmacy  
Abdul Aziz Nasrullah Bldg., Matafi St.

Al Jahra  
Seven Brides for Seven Brothers  
Granada  
Mother Lode  
Sulabikah  
Carry on Dick  
Al Jeeb  
Dharmo Amar (Bengali)  
Ahmadi Drive-In  
Kill Zone

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Fajr 3.31 am  
Zuhr 11.44  
Asr 3.20 pm  
Maghreb 6.30  
Isha 7.55

### Kuwait Players

Antidote — a Kuwait Players show of quick fire adult comedy sketches ranging from the subtle to the plain crazy, will be held from May 11 to 15, 7.30 pm, at the Universal American School, Salwa. Tickets — KD 3. For reservations call 5613465; 5610925 (pm) or 5611546 (pm).

**KLT**  
KLT, Ahmadi, will present Brigadoon, a musical, on June 1, 7.30 pm, gala night. Further performances are at 8.15 pm on June 7 and 8 and at 5.30 pm on June 2, 3, 9, 10. Tickets — KD3. Children — KD2. For reservations ring 3983724.

### CINEMA

**British Council**  
Pinocchio, a timeless, unforgettable film adventure for all people of all ages. An unforgettable cast of characters includes the spy Jimmy Cretcher, kindly Gjetter, a terrifying whale named Menstro and a little, the little puppet made of wood, Pinocchio. It will be shown at the British Council, Mansouriya, on May 11, 6 pm, and May 12, 10.30 am. Duration: 84 minutes.

### SOCIAL

**Mushaira**  
The Halqee Shaoor-e-Adab, a literary society, will hold a poetry evening — mushaira — on May 19, Thursday, at the home of Abdal Ghaffar Naseer. M.D. Khan will be the chief guest and Omer Khatab Iram will preside over.

**Kuwait Caladonians**  
"Calidit" will be held on May 26, Thursday, at the Holiday Inn Hotel; 7.30 pm for 8 pm. Entertainer from Scotland will be Bill Barclay. For reservations phone 5610673 or 5335082.

**May Queen**  
The May Queen will be crowned at the Sheraton Hotel, Grand Ballroom, on May 16. City Lights and Stepping Stones in attendance. Highlight of the evening is a fashion show by Tapati Ray. The event has been organised by the Kuwait Goans Association.

**Mini Olympics**  
The Filipino Mini-Olympics will be held on May 17, 7 am, at the Jafan stadium. Games include basketball, volleyball, lawn tennis, table tennis, darts, dama and bowling. All events, except bowling, will be held at Keifan. Bowling will be held at the Silver Tower bowling lanes. Lawn tennis takes place at the Qadsia Club, Hawalli. Spectators are requested to bring Kapilku ID cards for easy entry. For details call Bong Melencio — 4877793.

**Kuwait Nomads Rugby Club**  
Tuesday, May 10, club annual general meeting at Gazelle Club, 7.30 pm.

**Filipino Marathon**  
The Filipino marathon — bataan ng buto 88 — will be held on May 17 (3 km); May 18 (5 km) and May 20 (10 km). This event is open to all Filipinos — individuals or teams. For details call Bong Melencio — Louie Alcaraz — 4877793.

**PAK Marathon Bowling Tournament**  
First marathon bowling tournament will be held for three consecutive days from May 18 to 20 at 300 Club from 9 am to 6 pm. The first day will be for men; and the last day for women. Fees for men — KD. 5.500; women — KD4. For details contact PBAK Sarah Macarimbang — 4843447.

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**Flassik Cooking Class**  
The monthly Flassik cooking class will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel on Wednesday, May 25, 4 pm. For details call Rory — 2530000 F/B Office.

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## Surviving the killing fields of Cambodia

Cambodian Haing S. Ngor, who won an Oscar for his role in the hit movie *The Killing Fields*, didn't have to act his part... he had been there in real life. Yet, now, 12 years after the Khmer Rouge's bloody revolution, he admits he wants to return to the country again... to pray for his 'lost' girlfriend and family.

By Carlton Stuart

THE shy young actor strode hesitantly onto the stage of the Los Angeles theatre, blinking under the gaze of spotlights and TV cameras.

In his hands, he clutched the heavy gold-plated Oscar statuette which had been presented to him with the announcement: "The winner for Best Supporting Actor is Haing S. Ngor of *The Killing Fields*."

The audience leapt to its feet, clapping and shouting, a few wiping away tears. For this was not simply an instance of an award for a professional actor. Cambodian Haing was a real-life refugee from the killing fields—a survivor of one of the cruellest and most horrific wars in history.

In the movie, *The Killing Fields*, he had played Cambodian Dith Pran, town mayor and former journalist who had struggled against the Communist Khmer Rouge and its policy of mass genocide.

After the Oscar ceremony, Haing had stood polite and smiling in his smart dinner suit and shiny patent leather shoes. The more observant of those who shook his hand might have spotted that the tip of one of his right-hand fingers was missing.

What they didn't know was that it had been severed in an act of deliberate torture, that red ants, drawn to the blood, had swarmed over the mutilated hand and had bitten with a ferocity that had put him in agony.

And there were a few who knew of the scalp wounds and the burn scars on his legs and feet. For as Haing says: "Three times I suffered torture and

imprisonment. And three times I survived..." His is a life nobody would want to share... yet everyone admires.

Cambodia had seemed like a friendly country to Haing. As a child, life had been pleasant enough for him, his reasonably prosperous merchant family living in the wide boulevards of Phnom Penh.

Fanatical Communist revolution was to change all that. It certainly shattered the dreams of Haing, a recently qualified doctor and part-time teacher at the National University.

For months, ugly rumours had circulated about the violent followers of China's Mao Tse-Tung who had waged guerrilla war against the corrupt government of Lon Nol.

At first, the fighting looked as though it would not affect Phnom Penh. Then war broke out between the Khmer Rouge and Lon Nol troops around the airport.

The fate of one patient will always remain in Haing's memory. The soldier had been hit by a grenade and his face and shoulders were burned. He also had a large puncture wound in his abdomen. The patient needed vital surgery—and fast.

The operating theatre was safe from the distant sound of gunfire, and Dr Haing set to work. One of the operating team made the first incision. Then an orderly broke in shouting: "The soldiers near the bridge have surrendered. Everyone is waving white flags. The Khmer Rouge is now in Phnom Penh!" Just seconds later two young guerrillas decked out in ragged black



Haing S. Ngor, in the film *The Killing Fields*, which depicts the policy of mass genocide of the Khmer Rouge forces.

shirts and trousers and rubber sandals burst into the theatre menacingly waving their US-made M-16 machine-guns. One of them shouted at Haing: "Where is the doctor?"

Desperately, Haing played for time. "The doctor left by the back door a minute ago. You just missed him," he said.

The guerrilla spat: "Liar. If I don't find the doctor I'll come back and kill you."

Withdraw

After the guerrillas withdrew, Haing continued sewing up the patient whose intestines were back in place. Then a nurse urged: "Doctor, we have to leave now. If they don't find a doctor outside they'll kill us."

Haing pointed to the body of the helpless soldier... he was going to die. As Haing left the hospital on

his Vespa with its red cross taped on the back of the seat, black-clad guerrillas swarmed into the hospital grounds, totting their AK-47 rifles.

Panic reigned in the centre of the city. Desperately frightened refugees, their possessions crammed into cars and handcarts, threatened to bring the Vespa to a halt.

Haing had only one thought—to reach his parents and his girlfriend, Huoy.

Eventually, he forced his way home and gathered together his parents and brothers. His father, Kea Ngor, was keen to reach a sawmill near his home village. He said confidently: "The new regime will need the mill. It'll be our insurance policy." But for Haing, there was the sole longing to make for Thailand with Huoy.

Kea's dream was about to be shattered brutally by the Khmer Rouge. Pleas at the exits to the city were ignored by the armed guards. The party was told by the Khmer Rouge soldier that Angka, the Khmer Rouge's ruling organisation, had forbidden any travelling.

The entire family was rounded up for an hour's march in the remote mountainous area of Phum Chhlev. Then each member was handed a hammer and ordered to shatter the rocks into gravel for the railroad tracks.

Haing recalls: "Blister eruptions across my palms and on my fingers. Huoy's blisters were even worse. As a schoolteacher she had never held a hammer and was not used to physical labour. As she broke the rocks she cried quietly."

The reward was a bowl of thin salted rice porridge and an explanation from the Khmer Rouge supervisor: "Angka is poor, so you must sacrifice yourselves."

Then came an incident which struck Haing with cold fear. On the path beside the railroad track, he saw two civilians, roped together and with bowed heads, being marched along by the Khmer Rouge troops in their black uniforms and green Chinese hats. Haing recognised the prisoners as two of his medical colleagues, but he never saw them again.

Haing says: "We worked for eight days for very little food. When we did eat, it was rice which Huoy traded for some of her mother's clothes."

Then one morning it came, the summons. Haing and Huoy had been dreading. Two youths loomed over the couple in the early dawn, one of them grinning: "Comrade! Angka wants to see you quickly."

Haing was hustled into the presence of Chey, the leader of the co-operative, who snapped: "We have discovered a basket of arrowroot in your house. If you had the food why didn't you bring it to Angka for the collective meal? Why did you plan to eat it yourself? Private property is forbidden."

Haing was next asked what his job had been before the coming of the Khmer Rouge.



Ngor carries a child on his back in a scene from the film, for which he won an Oscar. Seven thousand Cambodians had applied for the role of Dith Pran in *The Killing Fields*.

He knew that if he confessed to being a doctor it would be his death warrant: Angka had declared war on anyone it considered to be members of the middle-class "Capitalist" professions.

He replied that he had been a taxi-driver. Chey roared: "You are not that kind of person. You have got to tell the truth."

Then the guard tied his right hand on top of a mango tree root and stepped on his wrist with his foot. A bone was exposed in the middle of the wound and he began to bleed.

Tied for hours to the tree root, Haing was forced to watch new prisoners being brought in. A pregnant woman was disembowelled before his eyes for being the wife of a Lon Nol soldier. When Haing was marched into an uncultivated rice field it was to see wooden structures with uprights and crosspieces to which prisoners were tied, their legs dangled over piles of rice husks which were ignited with cigarette lighters.

He explains: "They gave off thick stinking smoke and ignited slowly, sometimes taking days."

The Khmer Rouge tortured Haing three times... but he

survived. On the last occasion a vice was placed over his head and squeezed into his temples, while water from a pail poised above him dripped onto his head.

His torturers asked him: "Comrade, are you really a doctor? If you say you were, we will stop the water." He replied over and over again: "I am not a doctor." But by 1977 the power of the Khmer Rouge was in doubt. The prisoners in the "killing fields" had not been able to turn round the economy, despite the forced labour and the executions.

Miracle

Haing had survived by a miracle, but his beloved Huoy, who had become pregnant did not, despite him stealing food for her and risking torture and death. By 1978 Cambodia and those in the "killing fields" were starving.

Haing says: "I didn't have surgical instruments, antibiotics, anaesthesia or any of the standard equipment of an operating theatre for child birth."

for good. But they left a legacy of death...

Huoy's mother had long died, along with Haing's parents. His father had last been seen by his son tied up with rope to a procession of other prisoners.

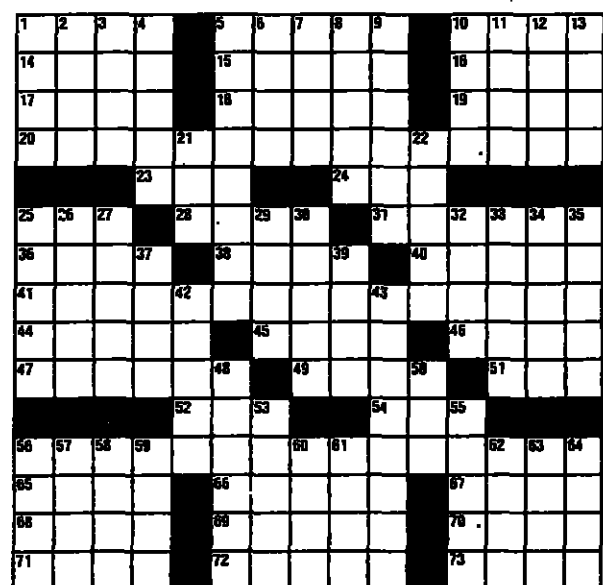
Steadily, throughout the next year, the Vietnamese pushed the Khmer Rouge further and further west. Soon the survivors heard rumours that there was free rice to be had in Thailand. And while the Khmer Rouge units fought each other for food and medicine, Haing Ngor joined the long trail to Thailand.

Once again, his luck held. His medical qualification and smattering of English secured him a job with the American Refugee Committee and a high place in the queue for emigration to the United States.

Three years later, Haing made the exhausting tramp from the Cambodian border to Thailand again. Only this time film cameras went with him. So too did actor Sam Waterson, determined to record the full horror of what had gone on.

\* Surviving *The Killing Fields*. The Cambodian Odyssey of Haing S. Ngor. By Sam Waterson. Chatto & Windus, London (UK £12.95).

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♠J6 ♥AQ103 ♦AJ9 ♣KQ63  
Your right-hand opponent opens one diamond. What action do you take?

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♠KQ63 ♥AQ103 ♦AJ9 ♣J6  
Your right-hand opponent opens one diamond. What action do you take?

Q.3—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠AQ9842 ♥Q103 ♦AQ ♣73  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♥ Pass  
? What do you bid now?

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

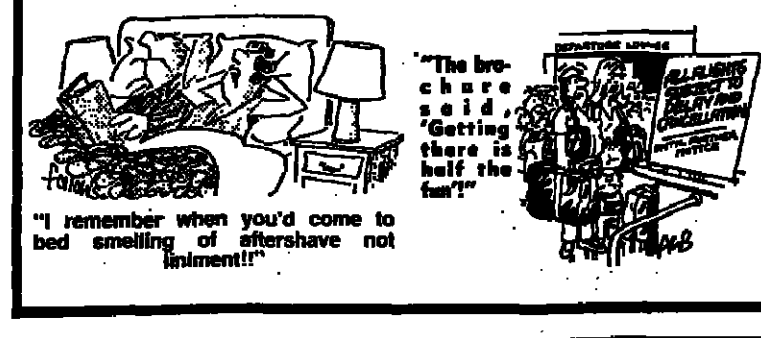
♠6 ♥K53 ♦Q82 ♣AQ9852  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass  
2 ♠ Pass ?  
What action do you take?

Q.5—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠Q9 ♥KQJ984 ♦AJ6 ♣83  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 ♥ Pass 1 ♠ Pass  
2 ♥ Pass 3 ♦ Pass  
? What do you bid now?

Q.6—Neither vulnerable as South you hold:  
♠AQ63 ♥KJ9 ♦8 ♣AJ1062  
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1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass  
? What do you bid now?

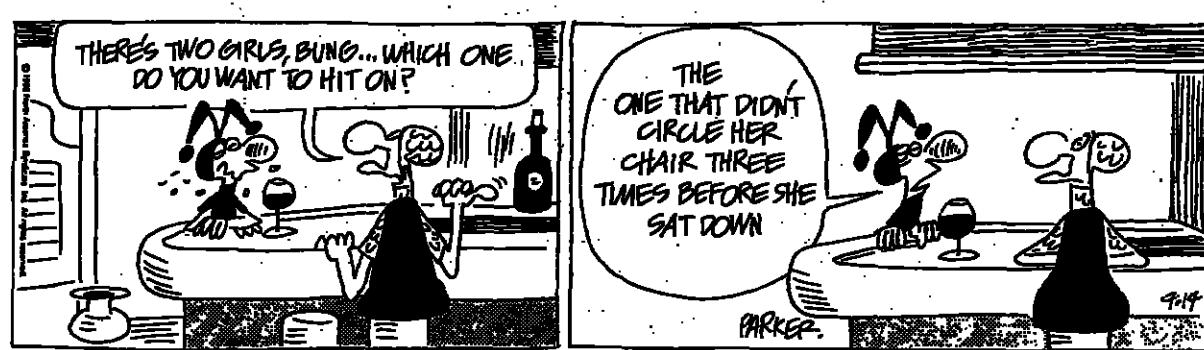


"How's your hay fever, Mother?"



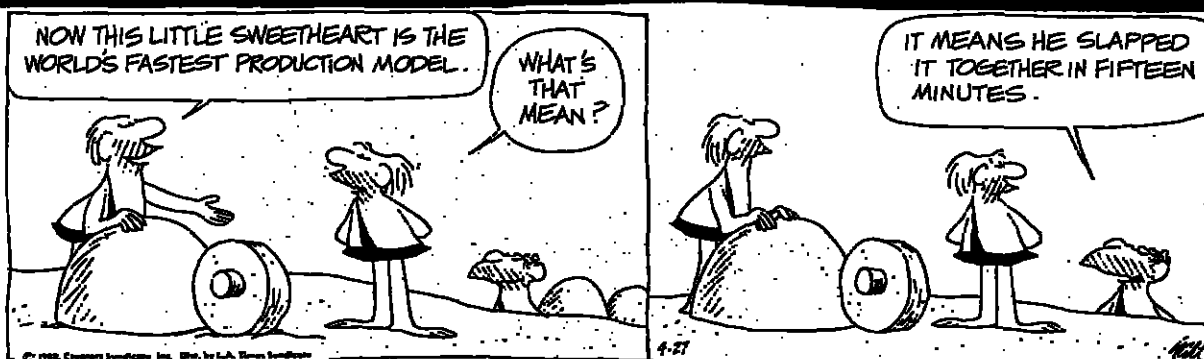
## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



## B.C.

By Johnny Hart



## YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

Beware of eating anything you know is liable to cause you indigestion. You should beware of others trying to deceive you. Make sure you do not leave any lights burning all day. Be less loquacious.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You should do your utmost to maintain harmony. You will be able to make good and rapid progress. Do not ask for any too great favours just now. Be more cordial.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

An important discussion will go well only if you let others have their say. You should not hesitate too long between two alternatives. You will be able to do something a little more practical. Be presentable.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

There is no time for frivolity or to waste. You will be able to make what will turn out to be the right decision. You should not drive too fast and must look out for what is behind you. Be reasonable.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

Do not do anything you know involves a great deal of risk. The moon's influence coupled with that of Mars is liable to render you more impulsive.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)

Do not let some small success go to your head. Although the general prospect have improved you will still tend to be rather dissatisfied. The moon's influence will help you to find your feet. Be prudent.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

Do all you can to avoid straining your eyes. Beware of exceeding the limits of propriety. You should make sure you do not overtake yourself. Be more patient.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

A good opportunity is liable to be missed; never mind, there will be another one. You will be able to do a friend a favour. An offer or proposal should be considered carefully and dispassionately.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

Make sure everyone knows just what you mean. Do not expect something to which you are not entitled. Nor should you expect others to be at your beck and call. Be reliable.



Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

Keep your wits very much about you. You will tend to get rather annoyed with those close to you. A problem that has been bothering is now nearer to a solution. Be less fussy.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

Do not turn your back on change. Others will be more inclined to listen to you, but do not bore them. Try not to be too critical either of yourself or of others. Be more resilient.



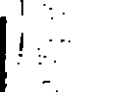
Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

Avoid eating or drinking to excess. You should not allow yourself to be too greatly influenced by the dictates of fashion. You should not take everything quite so seriously. Be tactful.



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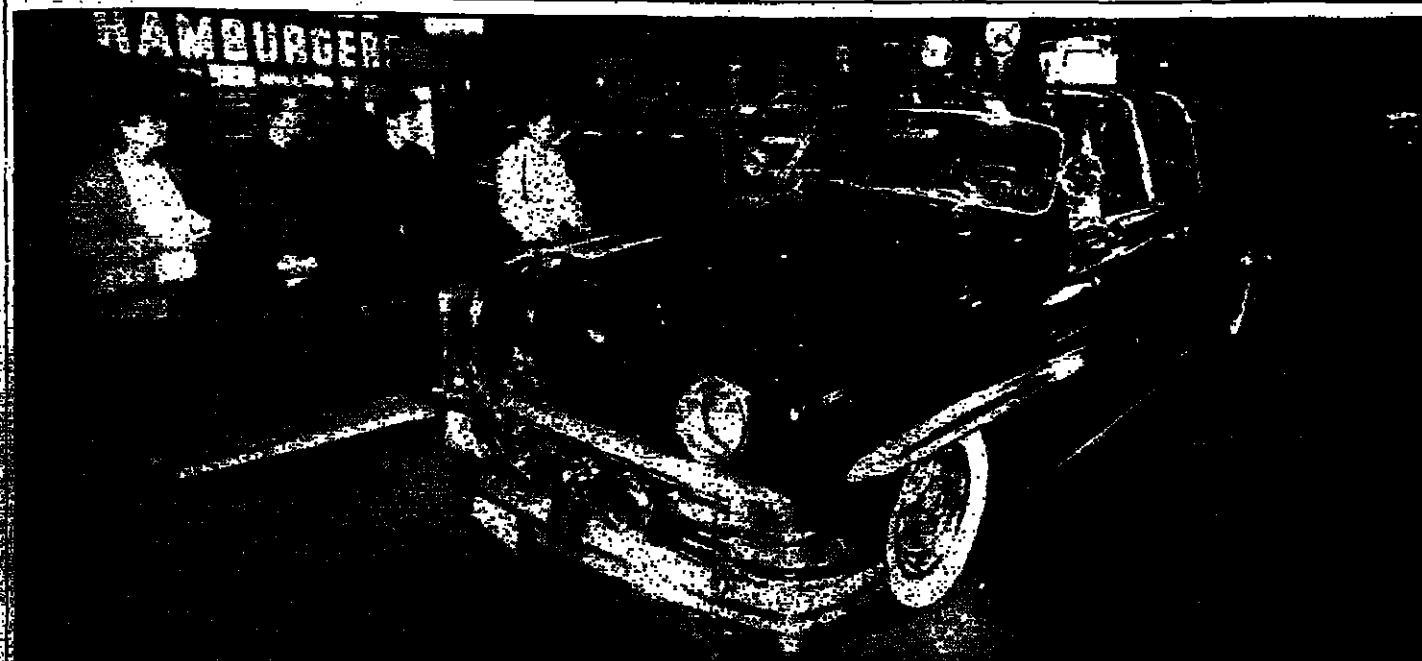
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1950 bubbletop presidential Lincoln limousine first used by President Harry Truman.

## Museum honours automobile culture

By Paul A. Eisenstein

DEARBORN, Mich. — The 20th century could rightly be called "the era of the automobile."

Few modern inventions have had such a profound impact on life, not only in America, but around the world as well. The car has shaped the way we live, how we work, where we stay while on the road — even how we eat.

Until now, those museums that have allotted space to the subject have eviscerated the soul of the automobile. Their displays consist of forever-silenced relics of the past — their gas tanks drained and batteries removed.

Small placards declare the year of manufacture and a few other technical details of interest only to the more knowledgeable car buffs. These exhibits ignore the real significance of the automobile and its role in American culture.

But at least one exhibit attempts to put the role of the automobile as a cultural icon into perspective.

The Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Mich., presents "The Automobile in American Life," a permanent exhibit replacing a decades-old classic display of historic automobiles. It serves those looking for the broader meaning of "on the

road," but at the same time won't disappoint the automotive enthusiast.

The stars of the show are still the cars, of course. Among the 109 vehicles on display, there are more than enough antique Nashes, Packards, Hudsons, and Chevrolet Bel Airs.

The museum went to tremendous lengths to obtain some of the rarer vehicles on display, including a Chrysler Airflow truck, GM's 1939 Firebird III show car, and USA-001 — a Honda Accord that was the first Japanese car made in America.

The most difficult car to obtain was a classic American hot rod from the 1950s. After a seemingly endless search, museum curators just found what they were looking for: a chopped and channeled 1932 Ford roadster with a Chrysler engine that had been stored in a garage in California for 30 years.

What sets "The Automobile in American Life" apart from other automotive exhibits, however, is its vast and well-coordinated display of automotive trivia and memorabilia — everything from 75-year-old maps to a full-sized original McDonald's sign. Remember when there was only one golden arch, and burger sales were measured in the millions?

"Our old exhibit certainly met the needs of the car enthusiast," says Harold Skramstad, president of the museum. "All you had to do was put the car out there, and they'd know what to look for, what story it would tell."

But that wasn't enough. "We don't want to preach to the already converted," he adds. "We want to involve people in history."

Most of the exhibit is divided up by themes. In one section, museum visitors see some of the many roadside signs that lured travellers of earlier generations in for a fast meal and a cup of coffee.

There's a classic silver diner, where the pie is always fresh, the coffee always hot, and the jukebox is always blaring out the latest songs from the Andrews Sisters and Nat King Cole.

Elsewhere there's an early tourist camp, with a collection of campers and Airstream trailers. A drive-in theatre endlessly entertains visitors with a film on the car and American culture.

A 1940s Texaco station features a streamlined gasoline tanker and display ads for some of the technological wonders of the day, including Rhino-flex tyres — guaranteed never to go flat.

Other exhibits illustrate the

painstaking process of making a car from idea to production.

The only chronological portion of the exhibit, the so-called "spine," begins by taking you back to the year 1896, to the birth of the American car industry with the Duryea, the country's first mass-produced automobile.

Moving along through the age of the automobile, you view not only the most representative vehicles of each period, but a collection of magazines, ads, road signs, and other memorabilia. TV monitor run newsreel clips and industrial films, documenting the life of past generations.

This is the first major change at the Ford Museum in more than 50 years, says Mr. Skramstad.

"We're far more sophisticated today than in the past," he explains.

"We're living in the age of television. To communicate with people today, you have to use different techniques than you did in 1929 when the museum was dedicated by automotive pioneer, Henry Ford."

If there is a single message from this exhibit, says Skramstad, it's that "all our lives have been transformed by the automobile."

1988, The Christian Science Monitor

By Nassir Shirkhani

CAIRO, (Reuters): When the Shah of Iran died in Egypt a wandering refugee, Iranian monarchists hoped his tomb would inspire support for his son's bid to regain Tehran's Peacock Throne.

They hoped in vain. Nearly eight years after his death in Cairo, the late Shah appears all but forgotten here, a relic of history in a country where royal tombs and monuments abound.

His grave in the Al Rifai mosque, near the citadel which overlooks the city, has become neither a tourist draw nor a focus of opposition to Iran's Islamic revolutionary government led by his nemesis, Khomeini.

Few tourists know that the late "King of Kings, Light of the Aryans," as he styled himself, is buried in Cairo. Those who do are too busy visiting strictly Egyptian sights, and the tomb is not on tour itineraries.

"The tomb is not really so important as to merit a visit. There are more important things to see in Egypt. Many have forgotten who the Shah was anyway," said Wada

## No mourners for 'King of Kings'

Masane of the Thomas Cook company.

A dusty Iranian flag and a Persian rug decorate the carved green marble tomb, on which is written in Persian: "Here lies the body of the King of Kings, the king of Iran Mohammad Reza Pahlavi Aryamehr, born October 1919, died July 27, 1980."

There is no translation, so the inscription is a mystery to the few non-Iranians who visit the grave of the man who ruled Iran for 37 years before being toppled in 1979.

The Shah's death from cancer 18 months later was not simply that of another monarch. He was the last in a string of kings who had ruled Persia and modern Iran for 2,500 years.

His overthrow turned pro-Western Iran into a bitter enemy of the United States and its allies and boosted militant fundamentalism throughout the Islamic world.

The Shah settled in Egypt after strenuous but futile efforts to gain permanent residence in other countries, including the United States, Mexico and Panama.

His dramatic odyssey into oblivion and his past importance appear largely lost on tourists who were children at the time.

"I just happened to be in the area and decided to visit the tomb. It was pure curiosity," said Jill Roberts, a 22-year-old American. "It never dawned on me that the grave signified the advent of a new era in Iranian history."

The Shah's son, Reza Pahlavi, nicknamed "the Mini-Shah" by some Iranians, is not known to visit the grave regularly.

He is cultivating a moderate image but prospects for his return to Iran as a successor to his father are as remote as ever. Iranian opposition groups

outside the country, including monarchists, are bitterly divided. Inside Iran, opponents of Khomeini have been largely crushed and present no danger to his government.

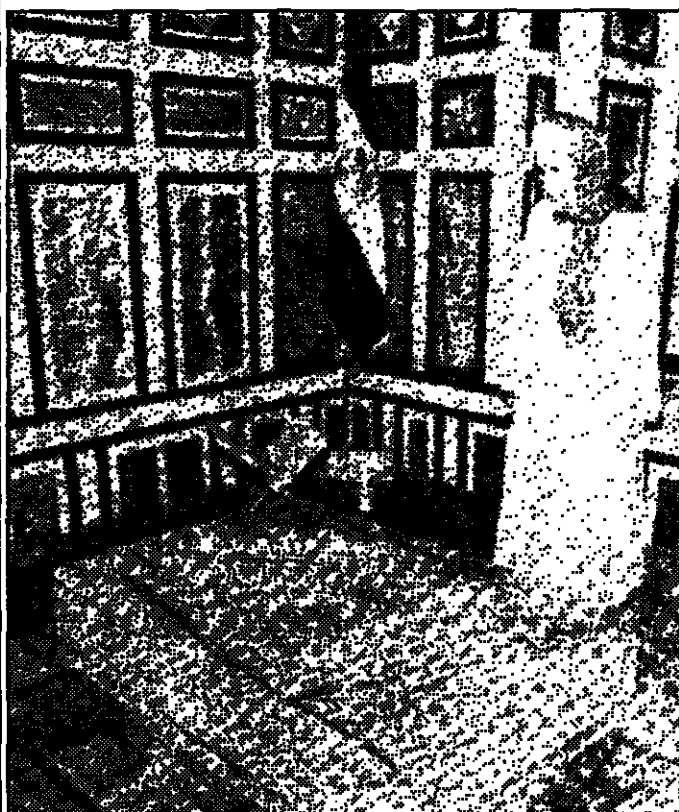
The handful of Iranians in Cairo keep quiet. Refraining from open political activity is an unofficial condition of residence in Egypt for opponents of foreign governments, even those, like Iran, with which Cairo has no relations.

The Shah's widow, empress Farah, and other relatives visit the tomb every year without fanfare on the anniversary of his death.

Some Iranians would like the former royal family to pay more attention to the tomb, in line with Shi'ite Muslims' attachment to family graves.

"It breaks my heart to see his majesty's grave so ignored. Iranians who come here expect the tomb to be covered in flowers, but alas hardly anybody pays the respect worthy of the Shah," said Farzin-e Parsi, an Iranian refugee.

"I could not believe my eyes when I saw the grave. I thought there was a guard of honour, pictures of the Shah and elaborate carpets at the burial place," Parsi said.



An Egyptian caretaker looks at the marble grave of the late Shah of Iran in Cairo's Al Rifai mosque.



The King of Kings, Light of the Aryans, Mohammad Reza Pahlavi Aryamehr, with the imperial family in happier days.

By Brian Parker and Jeremy Han

THE MIRROR OF



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- Engines must be outboard. If a single engine boat is used, an additional 10hp engine is advised. A maximum of two engines are allowed.
- Crew must have a minimum of two persons. All must be at least 18 years of age.
- Date June 3, 1988.
- The boat must be registered with the port authority of Kuwait, or if the boat is from outside Kuwait, with the authority for its port of origin.

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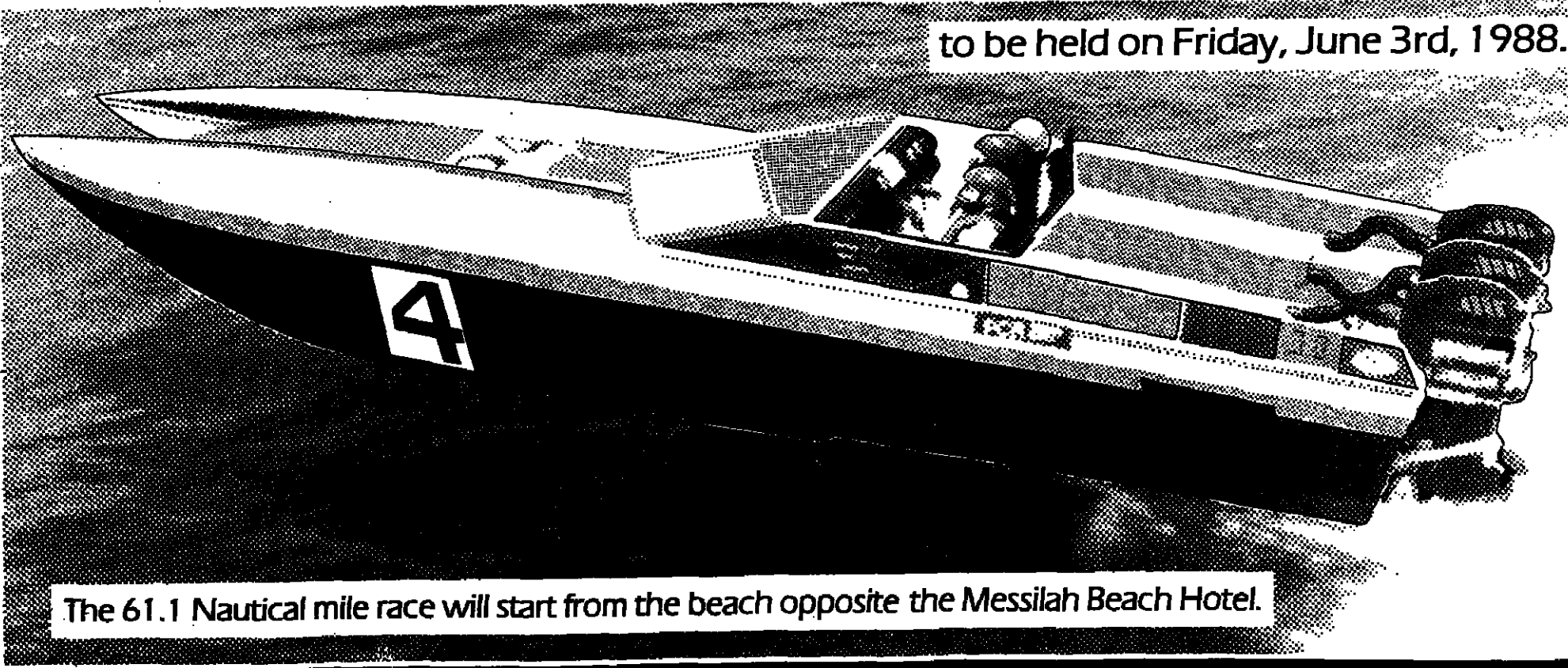
- All participants must have the following equipment:
  - A helmet and protective glasses.
  - Lifejackets (inflatable life jackets not permitted).
  - A marine compass (advanced electronic navigation equipment is prohibited).
  - Anchor suitable for the size of the boat and a 25 metre (minimum) rope.
  - At least three red safety flares.
- Boats must be adequately supplied with fuel sufficient to cover the race distance.
- Any battery or fuel tank leakages must be well-checked and repaired before the race.
- Each boat should carry either a telephone or a 2 way radio system.

Failure to comply with the above regulations and safety requirements will result in disqualification. Scrutineering will be held prior to the race, and competitors must display their safety equipment on the deck of the boat.

Bulletins detailing further requirements/information will be issued from time to time.

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## ART AND ARCHITECTURE

## British artist captures Afghanistan on canvas

## Portraying rebels with a cause

By Sandra Maler

LONDON, (Reuters): Emma Sergeant, the daughter of a wealthy British financier, is emerging as one of Britain's most talented young painters with an exotic collection of portraits of Afghan rebel tribesmen in Pakistan.

"I was sitting in Australia, painting landscapes in the winter of 1984 and I thought 'I'd love to paint the Afghans. It just came to me out of the blue because they are such a noble people,'" Sergeant said in an interview.

Sergeant, 28, has been hailed by critics as the liveliest thing to happen to British portraiture in two decades.

She first went to Pakistan in 1984 to raise money for the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (Unicef), painting Afghan guerrillas who have been fighting the Soviet-backed Kabul government since 1979. The pictures were sold in aid of Unicef.

She returned to Pakistan, where there are an estimated three million Afghan refugees, in 1986 — this time raising funds for a French charity, Medecins du Monde.

"It was very interesting seeing these people two years more in exile and it wasn't very good. All the pride had gone. There was a sense of hopelessness and it was very much each man for himself," she said.

Sergeant was given a studio by one of the guerrilla groups based close to the border with Afghanistan, and travelled among the tribes in the North West Frontier Province, painting about six portraits a day.

"The Afghans look very Biblical. They have these wonderful turbans and hawkish features and a lot of them have these bright green eyes or blue eyes with blond hair," she said.

As she travelled among the tribes, Sergeant said the first day was always crucial one. "If you really mess up on your first day and produce a really horrible picture, they are shrewd enough to know that there was no likeness there at all."

She said that Afghans were always very friendly and cordial, though at times perhaps a bit bewildered by her presence.

"One day I was in a mujahedeen hotel and you sit on the table because there are no chairs. So I was squatting down on the table while a friend went to get some models and I asked my translator what was all this

row going on around me.

"He was a very distinguished nice boy and he said: 'Actually I hate to tell you this but they can't decide whether you're a man or woman,'" she said.

"I could understand because all the men wear khol (make-up) under their eyes and have long hair. Then I knew what they had decided because they called me 'sir' all afternoon," she added.

## Incident

In another incident, an Afghan woman who was being painted by Sergeant asked the interpreter: "Why is he taking so long to photograph me?" The woman had heard cameras but had never seen one.

"The first lot of pictures I did was very romantic and the men were more dramatic and warrior-like. In this last lot, the men were sadder, older. I did some of the models again and there was a much more poignant feeling about them. They were less proud people," she said.

"The widow's face comes through, the death in the family, the constant boredom and hard work in their lives. Now of course the peasant Afghan women have much more independence. So many

men are gone they've been left in control of the family and have had to make provisions for themselves.

"I found them more cheeky this time. Men were a pushover but the women wanted money and the rate they were asking was the going rate for a nude model in London — three pounds (\$5.60 dollars) an hour," she said.

Sergeant has also painted African warriors during a 'painting safari' with her mother.

Her latest exhibition, which opened in March in an art gallery on elegant Bond Street, is entitled 'Faces From Four Continents'.

## Method

It consists of 104 paintings and sketches of Afghan tribesmen and African warriors, as well as portraits and landscapes from Britain and Australia, where she went "to get back to nature." Their prices ranged between 500 and 700 pounds sterling (\$930 and 1,300 dollars).

Sergeant said she had devised a new method of mixing gouache and watercolour, which is more manageable when travelling than oils. "Using gouache or watercolour has introduced more



Emma Sergeant is emerging as one of Britain's most talented young painters with an exotic collection of portraits of Afghan rebel tribesmen and their families in Pakistan.

colour and freedom into my work," she said.

Sergeant started painting when she was very young and says she was encouraged by both her mother, who is also a painter, and her father "whom I suspect might be colour-blind because he used to frame everything I did."

She studied painting at the

Slade Art School in London and won the Imperial Tobacco portrait award, organised by the National Portrait Gallery, when she was 21.

While in Britain Sergeant accepts commissions for portraits but she now wants to concentrate on landscapes — to put people into contexts — and is planning a trip to Bhutan in

the Himalayas this autumn.

"But you know what happens as soon as you start painting a landscape, suddenly everybody in the village wants to be painted so you're never allowed to get away and do your own private haystack. They all come to pose in the same desperately formal position."

By Michela Wrong

PARIS, (Reuters): A Paris exhibition of Pablo Picasso's works has given the Spanish-born artist a posthumous chance to get his own back on critics who dismissed his last paintings as the senile dabbings of a sex-obsessed old man.

Exhibited in the southern French town of Avignon first in 1970 and then in 1973, a month after the painter died at the age of 91, the works unleashed a storm of protest.

Many art lovers dismissed the paintings as sickly and self-indulgent, the last desperate outpourings of a man terrified of his approaching death.

Special scorn was reserved for a series of explicit erotic etchings showing painters coupling with their models — some said the graphic drawings of genital organs showed an obsession with sex typical of an old man worried by his fading virility.

Now, 15 years after his death, "The Last Picasso," a massive collection of paintings, drawings and sculptures at the modernist Pompidou Centre, invites a reassessment.

The exhibition, which is on show in the French capital until May 16 before moving to the Tate gallery in London in June, numbers 93 paintings, 33 drawings, 60 etchings and six sculptures.

The display is a tribute to Picasso's phenomenal output in his later years as well as a fascinating record of his artistic and emotional development over his final quarter century.

The first paintings date from 1953, a traumatic turning point in Picasso's life, when his lover Francoise Gilot left him along with their two children, and he began to question his allegiance to the Communist party.

In the years that followed Picasso was to find a new domestic happiness after meeting and marrying the beautiful Jacqueline Roque, 44 years his junior.

She modelled for many of his later paintings.

The exhibition is both a celebration of the importance of sex as a source of inspiration and an exploration of the

## Vitality or senility?

## 'The Last Picasso' in Paris

Fifteen years after his death, a massive collection of paintings, drawings and sculptures at the Pompidou centre in Paris invite a reassessment of the artist's works, particularly his last paintings which many critics have dubbed as the senile dabbings of a sex-obsessed old man.

creative process itself — canvas after canvas show the artist confronting his naked model, paintbrush in hand.

The relationship is carried to its logical conclusion in the controversial series of etchings, where the painter and model are intimately entwined as lovers.

## Theme

There are also touches of deliberate vulgar humour. "The Fisser," painted in 1965, shows a woman lifting her skirts and crouching to relieve herself on a beach, while in "The Kiss," painted in 1969, two passionate lovers seem to be trying to swallow each other's faces.

But the more sombre underlying theme is Picasso's growing struggle to come to terms with his own mortality,

as he saw old friends and artistic contemporaries dying around him.

The shocking 'Self Portrait,' drawn in 1972, shows the terrified artist staring death in the face, transfixed with horror.

That vision seems to have haunted Picasso, spurring him to a frenetic surge of activity as he rushed to record his ideas and emotions on canvas in the little time that remained.

The signs of haste are there for all to see — the brushstrokes are crude and direct, the paint appears to have been literally slapped on to the canvasses, many of which look almost unfinished, without background or superfluous detail.

Picasso was always renowned for his energy. "There is never a moment when you can say 'I have done a good day's

work and tomorrow is Sunday," he once commented on his work.

But he seems to have surpassed himself towards the end.

Experts estimate that the octogenarian artist produced more than 1,000 paintings, drawings and prints in his five last years — a picture on average every two and a half days.

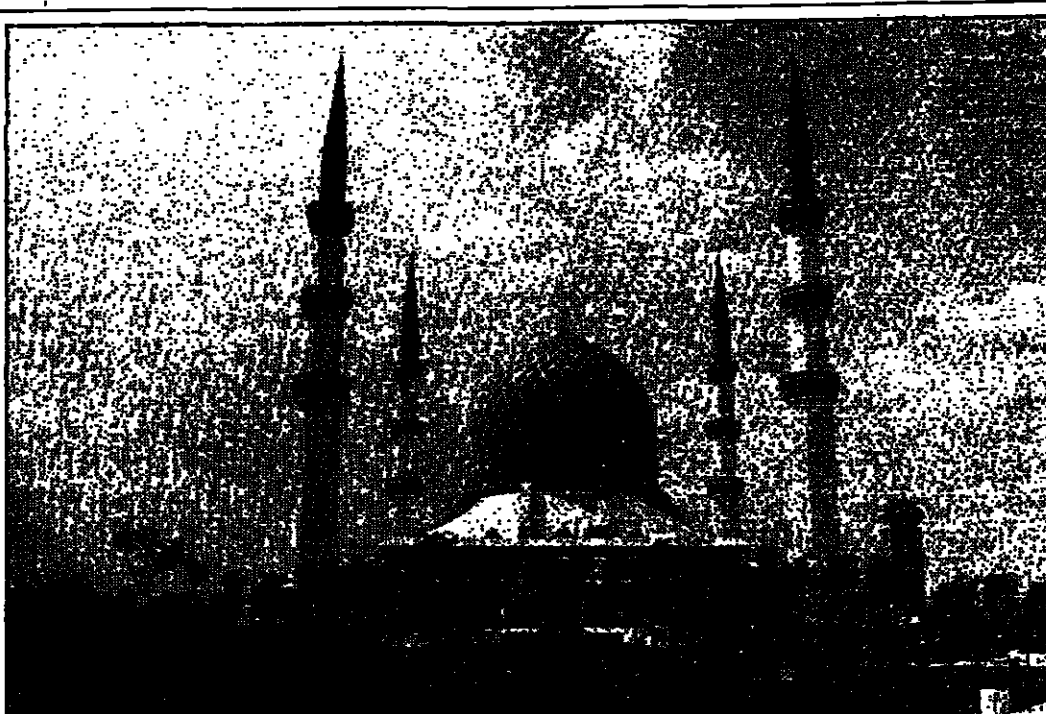
Reaction to the works has been 'more positive' this time around.

The influential Le Monde welcomed the vibrancy and energy of the exhibition and refused to be shocked by its erotic emphasis.

Critic Genevieve Breerette, concluding her appreciation of the show, said: "Twentieth century painting is born, lives and dies under the sign of the brothel. What fun."



Visitors contemplate one of Picasso's paintings in the current show 'The Last Picasso.'



Masjid Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah in Malaysia.

## Malaysia's architectural marvel

By Lima Al Khalafawi

SELANGOR state mosque in Malaysia was opened on March 11 in a glittering ceremony, attended by nearly 30,000 people from all over the world.

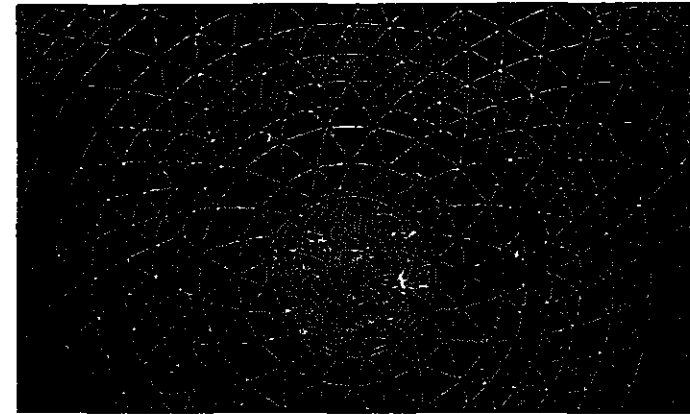
The state mosque, (Masjid Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah) is the biggest in south-east Asia, has the largest dome in the world, and can accommodate 30,000 worshippers.

It provides a panoramic view of Selangor's capital, Shah Alam. It is situated on a 35 acre land along the northern bank of the eastern lake, and is slightly higher than the town centre.

The main prayer hall of the mosque is covered by a huge dome supported by a ring beam on eight giant pillars. The ring beam is accessible by lift.

The domed prayer hall is surrounded on three sides, except the Meharab side, by open verandahs that look into huge courtyard. It has two levels, with the upper level reserved for women.

The dome has extensive traditional designs on both the inside and outside. On the inner



Floodlights are provided to highlight the inner side of the dome and to enhance its rich decor.

side there are beautifully calligraphed verses from Surah Al Yaseen in gold on a blue background and the rich decor of the inner dome is emphasised by floodlights.

Special pinball lights fitted to the top rings of the dome shine down when all the floodlights are switched off.

A hidden fountain sprays to life when switched on.

The courtyard is also open and can be turned into a Quranic competition dais.

The entire floor space in the main prayer hall is carpeted with fine wool.

The Meharab wall is lined with imported marble to give a subtle contrast. The design is finished with specially-made antique Turkish tiles and the Meharab is decorated with verses from the Holy Quran.

In a specially designed ablution place, the water is released automatically and stops instantly when the hands are withdrawn.

The mosque is provided with three entrances. The main one is on the east side and the other two are on the right and left in line with the main dome.

There is a standby generator for use in case of power failure. Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah Al Haj of Selangor personally contributed four huge chandeliers costing more than \$2 million that are placed in the main prayer hall.

Another huge chandelier at the main entrance of the mosque, and a 600-year-old clock that was placed in the hall are also his contributions.

The mosque will be a centre for Islamic activities and an information centre.

## For sale: chandeliers on the pavement

By Lai Kwok Kin

NEW DELHI, (Reuters): Nattur Bhatti squats beside a busy New Delhi highway, oblivious to trucks barreling along as he completes a work of art — a huge chandelier.

A satisfied smile breaks over his wrinkled face as he threads a wire through the last piece of diamond-shaped cut-glass and then gives the six-tiered chandelier a spin as it hangs from a wooden pole.

The masterpiece, despite its origins in a humble roadside workshop, will fetch a good price and will probably end up in an upper-crust 'Delhi-wallah's' dining room.

Bhatti, 55, is one of a roving band of artisans from the north Indian state of Rajasthan who travel from city to city making and selling chandeliers.

Descendants of the fearless Rajput warriors of medieval India, Bhatti and the 50-odd members of his chandelier caravan took to road some 20 years ago. They have never looked back.

They have made and sold hundreds of chandeliers, from 30cm models costing \$19 to 130 cm glittering beauties for \$460 each, in Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Goa, New Delhi and other cities.

"Our forefathers made horse-whips and crushed stones for a living but we could not go on doing the same thing," he said.

"We move the whole year round. We have no home. We make what we can and sell what we make. Then we move on," said Bhatti, who leads his gypsy existence with his wife, two sons and five daughters.

He and other relatives in the band learnt the craft at glass factories in Ferozabad, near Agra in Uttar Pradesh state, but preferred the independence of being their own bosses.

Travelling with boxes of glass stuffed in straw, chandelier frames and their meagre belongings, they work by day on the pavement and huddle at night under makeshift shelters of plastic or canvas sheets stretched over wooden poles.

Life is hard. The blistering heat of north Indian summer can be unbearable. The winter cold leaves them shivering.

But they say their biggest headache comes from police and municipal authorities who move them on.

"Everywhere, police and city officials harass us. So we play hide-and-seek, moving from one part of the city to another till we get fed up and take the train to the next town," said Bhatti's brother, Nansingh.

"We have been in New Delhi for three months, but we would really like to stay for as long as two years... business is good."

## Ordered

Nansingh said they ordered the cut-glass pieces and steel frames from Ferozabad and the western city of Surat, and divided the work among themselves.

He said he could make an entire chandelier in a day by himself but preferred to work with two others.

Everyone helps. Women dressed in Rajasthan's traditional long flowing skirts embroidered with small mirrors sort out the glass and cut wire into suitable lengths.

Half-naked children scamper around a litter of pots, lamps and folded mattresses before being ordered to eat their chapatis and dal (unleavened bread and lentils).

In front of them chandeliers suspended from poles glimmer with the Delhi sun's reflected rays, attracting and intriguing drivers and passers-by.

A motorcyclist steps off his machine and haggles for a 2,000-rupee (\$150) piece, still wearing his crash helmet.

A day's work is sold quickly after a 10 per cent discount. Half-a-dozen chandeliers still dangle amid the dust and fumes on the pavement, but the entire caravan is abuzz with excitement and relieved by the sale.

FAMILY DOCTOR  
By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIMARTHRITIS THE MAJOR REASON  
FOR JOINT REPLACEMENT

QUESTION: What is joint replacement? How and why is it done?

ANSWER: Joint replacement is one of the miracles of modern medicine. We are now capable of completely replacing a person's arthritic or otherwise damaged joint with a prosthetic one made of metals and plastic. The most commonly replaced joints are the hip and knee, but there are replacements available for the knuckles, wrists, elbows and ankles.

The major reason for replacing joints is arthritis. When an arthritic person can no longer stand or walk normally because of pain and stiffness, a new joint can enable that person to lead a normal life.

Joint replacement is major surgery. In replacing a knee, for example, the end of the thigh bone is removed and a metal prosthesis is put in place that fits into a new surface put onto the lower leg bone. In hip replacement, the upper ball-like end of the thigh bone is removed and the socket of the pelvis is cemented into the bone. Other types are cementless and are designed to allow bone to grow into them and hold them

in place. Muscles, tendons and ligaments of the joint are kept in place. In most cases, the patient is standing and beginning to walk within days after surgery. Physical therapy may be needed to help completely rehabilitate the joint.

There are risks involved with joint replacement surgery, as with any surgery. The greatest risk is infection, which can occur even years after surgery. Another risk is that the prosthetic joint can work loose or dislocate and a second replacement must be done. But when all is said and done, the ability to return an arthritic cripple back to a life of pain-free activity makes the risks worth taking.

QUESTION: I get a bad stomach after running. Why is that and what should I do about it?

ANSWER: Stomach problems and other gastrointestinal distress are pretty common in runners and other athletes. One study has shown that 12 per cent of runners experience belching or heartburn and another 37 per cent feel severe need to move their bowels while running. It has been found that women runners are more likely to have lower intestinal discomfort than men run-

ners. There is some evidence that up to 30 per cent of runners show blood in their stool, but no one is certain what is causing this. On the up side, two large studies have shown that exercise decreases the risk of colon cancer.

Many of these problems may be due to the intestinal motion that running causes. Runners have more frequent bowel movements, and food passes through their intestinal system slightly more quickly. However, runners also usually eat a diet higher in fibre, which also speeds up the intestinal system.

You can do several things to relieve your own distress. To reduce nausea, cramping and vomiting, don't eat for three or four hours before you run. This way your stomach will be empty while you exercise. If you suffer from diarrhoea during long training runs or races, try eating a low-residue, low-fibre diet for one or two days before the event. You also might try emptying your bowel before competition by drinking coffee or tea or by having a light workout. If these steps don't work, see your physician to rule out other problems, such as lactose intolerance.

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## ANDY CAPP

By Smith







MORE than 200,000 people took part in a demonstration on Saturday organised by three Italian unions. The demonstrators, who came from all over Italy in special trains, buses and ships were asking for a more effective government policy for the south. (Reuter wirephoto)



A YOUNG French supporter of Melanesian separatists of New Caledonia raises his arm during a gathering in Paris on Saturday to protest against French rule on the violence-torn South Pacific territory. French police had banned a pro-Kanak demonstration and the Kanak People's Support Group said it would hold this rally tomorrow. (Reuter wirephoto)



POPE JOHN PAUL II receives flowers from Uruguayan girls upon arrival in Montevideo on Saturday. The Pope begins his Latin American tour that will include visits to Bolivia, Peru and Paraguay. (Reuter wirephoto)

A SHI'ITE Muslim resident in a southern suburb of Beirut protests angrily at the destruction of her house during two days of ferocious battles between Amal militiamen and pro-Iranian fighters in which at least 65 people were killed. (Reuter wirephoto)



VINAY KHADELWAL, 15, of New Delhi, carefully piles some of his collection of more than 1,700 different match boxes outside his home. Vinay's collection includes one of the original match boxes from 1855 amongst the massive pile which he hopes to enter in the Guinness Book of World Records. (Reuter wirephoto)



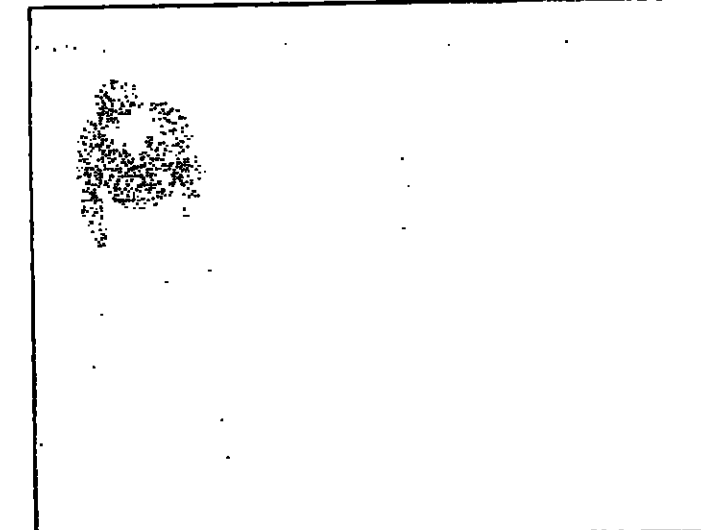
STRIKING students in Wroclaw, Poland, read a manifesto during a demonstration on Thursday. Students in several of Poland's largest universities have staged strikes in support of the strikes being held in factories like the Lenin Shipyard in Gdansk. (Reuter wirephoto)



INVESTIGATORS examine the site where a plane carrying 36 passengers crashed into a cliff in Broendysund, Norway. The plane burst into flames killing all the passengers. (Reuter wirephoto)



ENFIELD'S Robin Lewis ducks his head as Telford United's Harry Wiggins kicks high for the ball during FA Challenge Trophy at Wembley Stadium on Saturday. The game ended in a 0-0 tie after extra time. (Reuter wirephoto)



SPANISH police broke their own record for the largest cocaine haul in Europe when they seized 1,000 kilograms (2,200 pounds) of the drug in Irun, a town on the French border on Saturday. At least three people were detained in the raid. (Reuter wirephoto)



WINNING COLORS (right) wins the 114th running of the Kentucky Derby on Saturday. Finishing second is Forty Niner (left). (Reuter wirephoto)



FRENCH President, Francois Mitterrand, adjusts his shirt as Prime Minister, Jacques Chirac, (right) stands at attention during the 43rd anniversary commemorating victory in Europe. France voted yesterday in the second round of presidential elections with Socialist Party candidate Mitterrand facing conservative Chirac. (Reuter wirephoto)



ECUADORIAN presidential candidate Rodrigo Borja of the Democratic Left party is greeted by supporters on Saturday after he made an unannounced visit to Quito's colonial quarter the day before scheduled elections. Borja is the favourite in a close election. (Reuter wirephoto)



# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Oil exporters urged to stick to output quotas

## Oapec calls for wider Arab cooperation with Opec

THE Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (Oapec) called on Saturday for wider Arab cooperation with Opec to help to raise world oil prices.

The 10-nation group urged all Arab producers to join it as part of worldwide efforts to stabilise the oil market.

"A logical step toward closer Arab cooperation with Opec within an institutional framework would be for (non-members) to join Oapec," said an editorial in its monthly bulletin.

Oapec states are bound to follow decisions of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) even if they are not Opec members.

Oman and North and South Yemen are the only Arab oil producers which have not joined Oapec, which groups Algeria, Iraq, Kuwait, Libya, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the UAE—all

members of the 13-nation Opec—with Bahrain, Syria and Tunisia.

Egypt was suspended after its 1979 peace pact with Israel while Tunisia's membership has been frozen at its request.

Egypt and Oman joined five other non-Opec producers for talks with Opec last week in Vienna on ways to boost oil prices through joint output cuts. The talks broke down when Opec failed to agree on oil export cuts to match those proposed by the non-Opec states.

Oapec said wider membership would also help to achieve its goal of an integrated Arab oil industry.

Meanwhile, Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Hisham Nazer has called on Opec states to stick to production quotas until next month so the organisation can

reach an output-cutting pact with other producers.

Nazer reiterated that the Saudis have "sacrificed" enough through the years to help stabilise the world oil market and cannot afford to surrender more of their share of the market to other Opec nations or non-Opec producers.

### Reduction

The 13-member organisation failed in Vienna to reach agreement on an offer made by six non-Opec producers to reduce overall output by 5 per cent to help shore up flagging prices around Opec's benchmark of \$18 a barrel.

That would mean an Opec reduction of about 300,000 barrels a day, while non-Opec output would be some 183,000 barrels a day.

Nazer reiterated Saudi Arabia's proposal that the

shared cut in production should be on a barrel-for-barrel basis.

Five of the Opec nations who favour the production cut were currently overshooting their production quotas, while Iran's output and exports were not known, he said.

He noted that Iran has failed to allow Opec auditors access to its production figures, violating Opec policies.

Stressing Saudi Arabia's keenness to uphold Opec, Nazer said he was "amazed at those who cast doubt on Saudi Arabia's role and the volume of its contributions to Opec."

### Mission

"Those who look to the organisation as an international institution whose only mission is to meet to reduce output are looking to the petroleum market with a short-term view and are substituting temporary sedatives for the radical solutions that a coun-

try like the kingdom seeks because it is concerned about lasting stability," Nazer said.

Saying Saudi sacrifices to help stabilise the oil market were "unequalled by others," Nazer said his country lost an estimated \$109 billion because it has cut output over the years and has been forced to slash its budget by 50 per cent.

Saudi Arabia produced some 10 million barrels a day in 1980 and was now down by 56 per cent to 4.13 million barrels a day, he said.

### Commitments

Opec states have reduced their overall output by 35 per cent since 1980, while non-Opec countries were "practically producing at full capacity."

Saudi Arabia, the leading member of Opec, sits on an estimated 30 per cent of world oil reserves.

Nazer said that commitments

by the Opec producers in the first half of 1987 helped attain the goal and noted that prices had at times risen to \$21 a barrel.

Twelve of the 13 Opec nations currently have a production ceiling of 15.06 million barrels a day.

Opec output in April has been estimated at 18.2 million barrels a day, which much of the excess coming from Iraq.

In Vienna, the Saudis were backed by three Gulf allies who argued that Opec had already cut production and reductions by non-Opec nations were now warranted.

Nazer's statement did not elaborate on the prospects for a production-cutting agreement with non-Opec countries.

But he said the kingdom "appreciates the effort which producers outside Opec are exerting and is grateful for the cooperation with the organisation."

## Sheikh Ali discusses long-term oil market strategy

THE Higher Planning Council's economic committee held a meeting here on Saturday attended by Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa.

The council's secretary-general Fuad Mulla Hussein told Kuna that the session falls in line with the committee's meetings with specialised ministers to draft future prospects of the Kuwaiti economic structure.

He added that the oil minister spoke of the oil policy's efforts in avoiding negative effects of the decline in crude prices.

The minister elaborated on his ministry's efforts to ensure and develop new and long-term markets for crude and oil byproducts, Hussein added.

Sheikh Ali briefed the committee members on cooperation between Kuwait and other members of the Gulf Cooperation Council in the oil field and on his ministry's views regarding prices of fuels in the local market.

The minister then answered questions by members of the committee chaired by Dr Mohammed Sabah Al Salem Al Sabah. The members are Ahmad Fahd Al Tukhaim, Habib Hassan Jawher Hayat, Saad Mohammed Al Saad, Dr Shuaib Mohammed Shuaib and Dr Yousef Sulaiman Al Fadhel.

## UK reserves on the rise

LONDON, May 8. (Kuna): Britain's gold and foreign currency reserves rose by \$338 million last month, official figures released yesterday showed.

The modest rise reflected the change in British government policy regarding the foreign exchange markets in early March, analysts said.

## Europe's big airlines shop for small, regional lines

BRUSSELS, May 8. Europe's big airlines may have retreated temporarily from plans to merge with one another, but they're still shopping for smaller independent airlines to buy or invest in, according to the Wall Street Journal.

Last week, Swissair announced that it will take a "substantial minority stake" in the Zurich-based regional carrier Crossair. In March, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines agreed to buy Netherland, a regional carrier in Rotterdam, and a 40 per cent stake in Transavia, a Dutch charter airline. From the shipping group Koninklijke Nedlloyd Groep NV.

These proposed acquisitions are only the latest in a series that began about two years ago, and analysts predict the trend will continue. "It's a question of picking when the picking is easy," says Richard Bond, airline specialist for the London consulting firm Cresap, McCormick & Paget. "The gobbling of the regionals will go on... This is one of the four or five ways the major airlines can gain synergies from coalitions."

The big airlines see such alliances as a way to strengthen their position in their home markets before airline deregulation picks up momentum in Europe—most probably after the European Economic Community's planned internal market is in place in 1992.

"While many of them still are considering linkups with other large national airlines, legal and political difficulties are proving more inhibiting than expected. Buying a piece of a commuter airline on the other hand, is much simpler and even cross-border investments haven't raised hackles."

"Everyone seems to want to

create a critical mass... to survive in the shakeout after 1992," says David Kyd, spokesman for the International Air Transport Association. In such "chilly breezes," he adds, big carriers are anxious to ensure that regional traffic flows into their hubs, while smaller carriers need the marketing muscle, the fleet-replacement dollars and access to the computer reservations systems of their larger brethren.

### Rules

Meanwhile, the EEC has eased rules affecting regional air traffic, thus clearing the way for an expansion of this market—generally planes of fewer than 70 seats flying between two regional centers or from a regional point to a big-city airport. These rules, and further deregulation expected to be approved this year, will allow regional carriers to construct better networks and even to divert traffic from the overcrowded "international" airports, says Frederik Sorensen, head of air transport for the EEC Commission. All of this gives the big carriers new incentives to "in one sense or another control the smaller ones," he says.

The US experience also is a lesson. After deregulation began there in 1978, many new regional airlines sprang up. But most failed, and the remaining ones were absorbed, partly or wholly, into the big carriers' systems.

As in the US, European regional carriers that "have good cooperation with major airlines establish a very good market," says Michael Eggenwiler, assistant to the president of Crossair. "Those (regionals) that attempt to do it on their own mostly fail. Swissair's planned participation, he adds, "was a stake that was bound to come." (Swissair's exact plans, which haven't been disclosed, first must

be approved by Crossair shareholders at a meeting on June 10).

Although some of the small carriers view such investments as the usual predatory behaviour by the big airlines, others see equity stakes as beneficial. "Certainly the fact that we have British Airways as a major shareholder helps us when we're seeking financing," says a spokesman for Brynmor Airways, a Plymouth, England-based commuter in which BA holds a 40 per cent stake.

Others see linkups as inevitable. Facing 1992, "it's much better to have a big trunk carrier beside you," says Manfred Moeschel, vice president of the independent West German regional Nuremberger Flugdienst. Although NFD isn't worried about its prospects, it is discussing marketing agreements and minority stakes with a number of big European carriers, he says.

"Every big airline's reason for such an investment is slightly different. BA's purchase in 1986 of 40 per cent of Brynmor Airways was a way of gaining a market presence at the new short-takeoff and landing London City Airport, analysts say.

Pan American World Airways last year bought Philadelphia-based Ransome Airlines and moved it to West Berlin, where Pan Am needed planes smaller than Boeing 727s for certain intra-German routes. The new Pan Am Express used 42-seat ATR-42 jets and serves Kiel, Strasbourg, Basel, Innsbruck, Zurich and Dortmund from West Berlin.

Sabena says it bought 49.7 per cent of Delta Air Transport, the Antwerp-based commuter, in 1986 because it didn't have an interregional traffic system and wanted to develop one.

## Daily clearance system of deals begins end of this month

By Khaled Ahmad

THE Director General of the Kuwait Stock Exchange Market Hesham Al Uteibi announced yesterday that the daily clearance system of deals in the market would begin on May 28. This is to facilitate all dealers trading in the Stock Exchange to complete opening accounts at the Kuwaiti Clearance House Company.

He stressed that the trading system was never an obstacle as the market committee has been flexible concerning the maximum and minimum limits of share prices.

He added that the director of the trading department at the market was empowered to alter price limits of shares when deemed necessary.

However, he said that the movement of prices of all shares never exceeded the limits determined by the committee—except on one occasion, when splitting of shares occurred.

Loans Al Uteibi said the implementation of the daily clearing system is a complex task to solve a complex and legal issue forced a large number of huge portfolio indebted dealers to leave the market till their positions were rectified.

He added that high rate of liquidity available with the local banks, is one of the problems the Central Bank is working on.

Speaking about the big rise recorded in the last few months in the prices of real estate, coupled with a drop in trading and prices of shares, Al Uteibi said this is attributed mainly to the fact that



Hesham Al Uteibi

the drop in real estate prices in the past few years, was much higher than the drop recorded in the prices of shares.

Another factor, he stated, was the granting of another payment from the expropriation allocations to the real estate market.

Al Uteibi said that the parallel market will be closed next month and companies trading in it will be admitted to the official stock market—after scrutinising their financial positions.

He said that the parallel market is a complex issue forced a large number of huge portfolio indebted dealers to leave the market till their positions were rectified.

He said that these companies were basically working as investment firms.

He attributed the weak trading of shares at the market to the political and economic uncertainty world-wide particularly in the Gulf region.

## Lusinch to visit Egypt for oil talks

CARACAS, May 8. (Opecna): Venezuelan President Jaime Lusinch will visit Egypt next month for talks with Egyptian leaders on bilateral cooperation including oil. It was announced here on Wednesday.

Egypt, a non-Opec oil produc-

ing country, sent its oil minister to the Opec/non-Opec meeting in Vienna last week.

Lusinch's visit to Egypt is part of a tour which will also take him to Italy and Yugoslavia where he will hold talks on bilateral cooperation and oil affairs.

## World Business Summary

## Japan minister pledges more aid for Indonesia

JAKARTA, May 8. (Reuters): Japan today promised more financial aid for Indonesia, hit by rising overseas debt repayments and lower revenues from oil, its main foreign exchange earner. Visiting Japanese Foreign Minister Sosuke Uno, speaking after talks with President Suharto, said Japan was studying Indonesia's needs and recognised its current financial difficulties. "Relations between Japan and Indonesia are very good, and we fully understand the Indonesian difficulties," Uno told a news conference. "Therefore... we will provide economic cooperation which can be implemented swiftly," he said. A third of Indonesia's budget is now spent on overseas debt repayments.

Indonesia, with private and public debts of \$45 billion, has been hit by the rise of the yen and the fall in world oil prices. A third of Indonesia's debt is denominated in yen, while its oil revenues are in dollars, which have depreciated in value.

Total debt repayments in the 1988/89 financial year ending in March are estimated at \$6.3 billion, about a third of the state budget.

Uno said he had not discussed detailed figures with the Suharto but had conveyed a message from Japanese Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita. He did not give details.

Suharto, who has ruled South-East Asia's largest nation for 20 years, accepted Uno's invitation to visit Tokyo. Uno told reporters before leaving for Singapore as part of an Asian tour that Indonesia and Japan had enjoyed good relations for the past 20 years.

## IMF urges bigger American effort on budget deficit

WASHINGTON, May 8. (AP): The United States should make a much more ambitious approach to cutting the federal budget deficit for the benefit of other countries as well, the International Monetary Fund says. "Recent history suggests that such an approach need not create serious dangers of an economic downturn," according to the fund's new "world economic outlook." The fund's international staff makes these assessments every six months. They are approved by representatives of the 151 member governments, including the United States. The current issue, dated April, was distributed to reporters this week. It warns in what it calls a "market reactions scenario" of dangers to other countries as well as the United States if present policies continue. It says there could be a reaction from world markets that would sharply reduce US growth, curtailing output and investment in other industrial countries, and make further shifts in the value of the dollar and other currencies. All this could occur with or without a stock market crash. It adds, "The fund calculates that last fall's stock market crash is costing the United States half of one percentage point of growth—equal to about \$20 billion—this year and the same amount in 1989. Losses for other major financial countries this year are seen as proportionately smaller: 0.4 per cent of growth for Britain, 0.3 per cent for Japan, and only 0.1 per cent for France and West Germany."

Loss of output would mean higher unemployment, slower growth of productive assets, and a significant worsening of the world situation for Third World countries, the scenario predicts. "Efforts to manage the debt situation would be a serious setback, and developing countries in general would find it much harder to maintain the momentum of their development efforts," it says. The fund calculates that their debt rose to \$1.195 trillion in 1987.

## Oman's port activity on rise

MUSCAT, Oman, May 8. (AP): The volume of cargo transhipped through port Qaboos in containers has risen a record 174 per cent because of the Gulf war, and is expected to rise still further, a port spokesman said yesterday. Oman's port, off the capital, Muscat, lies outside the Gulf waterway which has been imperilled by the spillover of the 7-1/2-year-old Iran-Iraq war. "More and more ocean-going vessels are unloading cargo at the port for transshipment to avoid the high risk factor and high war insurance premium involved in sailing through the war zone," said the spokesman, who could not be named under port rules. "Feeder vessels are taking the cargo on through the Gulf." A total of 76,944 tons (tons equivalent unit) were transhipped in 1987, mostly to the UAE, compared to 28,033 tons the previous year. Tons are a special measure used to estimate cargo that is shipped in containers. "The figure this year is expected to be even higher," the spokesman said. Some Gulf importers are avoiding the war zone altogether. Around 15 per cent of port Qaboos containerised transhipment cargo now goes to the UAE by road, the spokesman said. Container storage space is to be enlarged at port Qaboos starting next year at an estimated first phase cost of 11 million rials (\$128 million).

The expansion plan includes the reclamation of part of Shatt al-Bay close to the port entrance, the official said.

## Ivory Coast debt accord could set precedent: bankers

LONDON, May 8. (Reuters): Some of the world's biggest banks are trying a new tack to get reluctant smaller institutions to keep lending money to the Third World.

In a complex rescheduling of \$2.5 billion of Ivory Coast debt, they are trying to clear the way to link interest payments on the debt to provision of new money. Through a complex reclassification of the Ivory debt, dubbed "novation", bankers believe they can get around legal barriers that now prevent such a link.

"It could very well set a precedent," said one banker familiar with the new proposal.

### Plan

Bankers expect the Ivory Coast plan, through which they are lending the West African country an additional \$150 million, to draw lots of attention. Minutes of agreement on the plan were signed in Paris on April 29 and announced on Monday.

Third World countries, many of which must keep borrowing just to pay interest on their debt, have been stepping up efforts to find ways of easing the burden.

Brazil, the Third World's biggest debtor, suggested in March that full payment of interest on its debt be subject to banks lending it more money.

### Debt

Like Brazil, Ivory Coast has been squeezed by slumping cocoa and coffee prices which cut earnings of the foreign currencies it needs to repay its \$9.1 billion foreign debt.

Both countries temporarily stopped some debt payments last year, but have since reached new

agreements with their bankers. It is not only Third World debtors which are interested in linking payments on their existing debt with new lending.

The biggest banks, like the nine which negotiated the Ivoryan pact, find that it is growing harder to convince other banks to go along with debt rescheduling agreements that involve lending any additional money.

### Loans

Many smaller bankers, glum about prospects that their Third World loans will ever be fully repaid, see any additional lending as throwing good money after bad.

But the biggest banks say that without additional loans, some Third World debtors may be unable to afford to keep making payments on their debt.

If smaller banks keep opting out of making additional loans, big banks worry the business of lending to the Third World will be left exclusively to them.

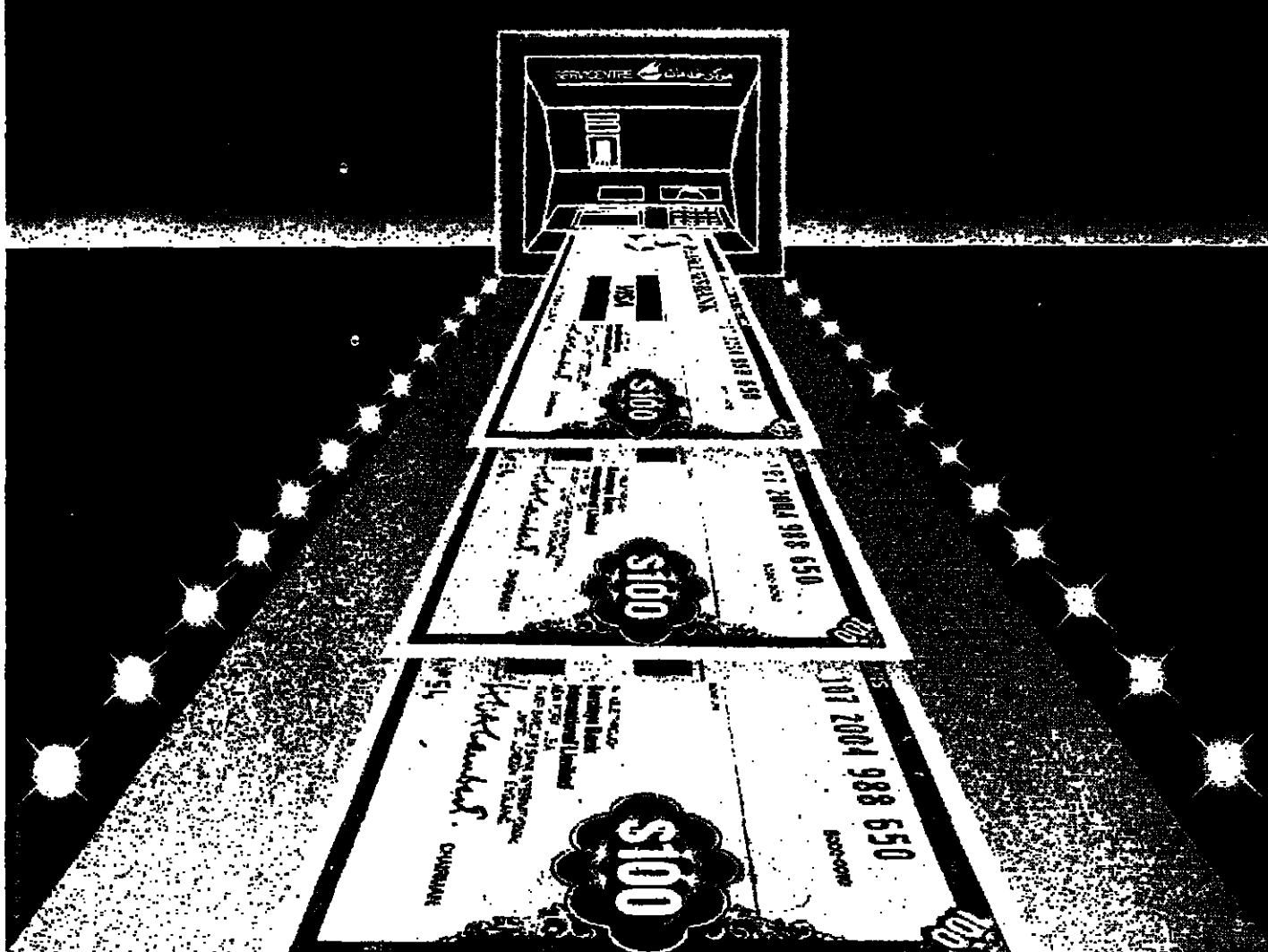
And if Third World loans start accounting for ever-rising percentages of their total loans, big banks fear the risk to their financial health will rise.

So far, there has been little, the biggest banks could do.

The legal agreements for Third World loans say all bankers should be treated equally, while US and British laws say banks that do not receive interest payments may sue any banks that do.

But the Ivory Coast package legally reclassifies its existing debt and effectively converts it into a new loan with new legal paperwork.

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## Subdued mood seen in the markets

## Slow times, low spirits on Wall Street

NEW YORK, May 8, (AP) — The echoes of the stock-market crash have given way to an uneasy silence on Wall Street.

It seems, traders and analysts say, as though just about everybody who wanted to get out of stocks after the collapse of the 1982-87 bull market has already done so.

At the same time, they add, hardly anyone is ready to buy except for a quick trade or in some "gimmick" transaction involving a dividend payment or a takeover rumour.

**Development**  
To the casual observer, it may look as though a sense of calm and order has been restored to a marketplace that was badly shaken up not so long ago.

But it is hardly a welcome development to professionals in

the business who find themselves with time on their hands and, in many cases, wondering and worrying about the future of their jobs.

As unhappy as they may be about the situation, many market participants say they can readily understand it.

"It is not surprising investors are reluctant to take a stand at this current juncture," said Joanne Hill, a vice president who specialises in financial futures at Kidder, Peabody and Co.

"Recent economic developments with respect to the deficit, dollar and interest rate environment have given little cause for enthusiasm. However, there is also little conviction for further reducing equity exposures that for many institutions are already at the end of their typical ranges."

"This dilemma produces a

stalemate in which the market is left to draw its order flow from takeover and dividend-capture plays and from short-term traders."

**Calm**  
Assuming this condition won't persist indefinitely, the natural question arises: Is it the calm before another storm, or a "breather" during which confidence in stocks can be restored gradually?

In times like this analysts often cite a long-standing investment maxim: "never sell a dull market short." But Edward Nicolski at Piper, Jaffray and Hopwood Inc. says he is not so sure that applies right now.

"We're not recommending aggressive short selling, a wholesale bailout of equities or anything of the sort," Nicolski said in a recent commentary.

"But we're darn right uncomfortable. The aggressive desire to own 'real' stocks just is not there."

It was notably absent in the past week, as the Dow Jones average of 30 industrials slumped 24.87 to 2,007.46.

**Dropped**

The New York Stock Exchange composite index dropped 2.45 to 143.88; the NASDAQ composite index for the over-the-counter market edged up .18 to 379.42; and the American Stock Exchange market value index lost 1.33 to 301.81.

Volume on the Big Board averaged 151.13 million shares a day, against 141.47 million the week before.

The general view of the economic outlook on the Street fits

right in with the subdued mood in the markets.

The Federal Reserve soon may feel compelled to tighten credit to combat increasing inflationary pressures. But if it is going to keep inflation in check, it may be forced to slow the economy to the point where the outlook for corporate profits worsens significantly.

**Optimists**

Some optimists, however, say that kind of thinking is misguided. "We think we are in a period of slow growth — neither a recession nor an inflation-triggering boom," said William Lefevre at Advest Inc.

"We think interest rates have risen to false fears of inflation and will soon turn downward, leading to higher bond and stock prices."

## American financial managers expect growth for at least a year

NEW YORK, May 8, (AP) — Corporate financial managers expect continued US economic growth for at least 12 more months, but many foresee a mild recession after that, according to a poll by a trade group.

The National Association of Accountants said 29 per cent of its 3,200 corporate controller members responded to the survey, which was conducted in the third week of April.

**Factors**  
Of those, 65 per cent said they expected the American economy to be the same or better in one year, while 35 per cent said they foresaw worse conditions.

Asked if they predicted a recession in 1988, 86 per cent of the respondents said no.

But the balance shifted for 1989, with 65 per cent predicting a recession will occur sometime next year. Of that number, however, 78 per cent said they expected the downturn to be mild.

The Montvale, New Jersey-based accountants group, which has 85,000 members, asked the corporate controllers to rank the top three factors they felt would have the greatest impact on the economy through October.

Interest rates drew the greatest number of replies, at 62 per cent, followed by the federal budget deficit, at 59 per cent. The fluctuation and decline of the dollar was third, at 48 per cent, followed by the foreign trade deficit (38 per cent) and election campaigning (35 per cent).

**Outlook**

The controllers' short-term outlook on the stock market was cautiously bullish. With the Dow Jones industrial average hovering at about 2,000 at the time of the poll, 20 per cent said they expected it to be around the same level by June 30, and 51 per cent predicted a 2,100 or higher level. Twenty-nine per cent predicted the average would be lower.

By overwhelming margins, the controllers said they expected their companies to record higher sales and profits for 1988, compared with 1987. In both categories, a majority predicted gains of 10 per cent.

Capital expenditures were expected to remain the same or increase in the second half of the year by 73 per cent of the survey respondents.

Among other key indicators: 73 per cent said they expected inflation to run between 4 per cent and 5 per cent through next April.

**Rates**

Half predicted higher short-term interest rates through the rest of 1988, while only 8 per cent foresaw a decline; 42 per cent said they expected rates to remain stable.

— 51 per cent saw higher long-term interest rates in the same period, vs. 3 per cent predicting a decline and 41 per cent expecting stability.

## UK exports to Mideast drop

LONDON, May 8, (Kuna) — The Middle East accounted for 6.9 per cent of total UK exports in 1987, as compared with 7.7 per cent in the previous year, according to a report published here yesterday.

The study compiled by the British Committee for Middle East Trade (Comet) showed that the most significant underlying factor was a further 4.5 per cent fall in UK exports of manufactured goods to the region.

This drop followed an overall 12 per cent increase in UK exports worldwide, the British government sponsored body, which advises ministers on matters affecting trade between the Middle East and the UK, said.

**Top**

In addition, Saudi Arabia moved for the first time into the 10th position in UK's top export markets, from the 12th in 1986, with exports up 31 per cent over 1986, touching almost £2 billion.

As such the kingdom represented a larger market for the UK in 1987 than Canada, Japan, Australia or Hong Kong by a significant margin, Comet said.

The other Middle East markets to rank in the top 50 were the UAE (27), Egypt (37), Iran (35), Iraq (38), Oman (41), Kuwait (43), Libya (44), and Jordan (50).

The second main feature of the 1987 export picture was the maintenance of the UK's trade surplus with the Middle East, despite slightly higher oil prices during the year.

The surplus for the year as a whole stood at £3,525 million (as compared with £3,525 million in 1986), a very important contribution to the UK's overall world trading position, the survey said.

Turning again to Saudi Arabia, Comet pointed out that Riyadh continued to "dominate our overall trading performance with the area."

Britain runs a trading surplus with the kingdom to the tune of £1,595.3 million, with British exports of high value items of machinery and equipment having increased substantially during the past two years as a result largely of aircraft and related deliveries for the Tornado contract.

## Turkey to set up more technical training centres

TO meet its urgent need for well-trained technicians and skilled manpower, Turkey will invest \$165.8 million in a technical education project. The World Bank is supporting the project with a loan of \$115.8 million.

To maintain the success of its export drive, Turkey has to increase the number of well-trained technicians and other skilled technical workers for industry.

The government also needs more trained staff in the tourism sector, an increasingly important source of foreign exchange earnings for the country. The project is designed to meet these needs.

Twenty existing vocational schools will be converted into technical training centres. Four faculties for training instructors of technical and vocational education will be upgraded and expanded to meet an expected shortage of more than 13,400 teachers by 1991.

Training programmes at five tourism training centres will be upgraded and expanded, and five new centres will be established.

## Nigeria welcomes private investment in oil industry

LAGOS, May 8, (Opecna) — One of the objectives of Nigeria's structural adjustment programme is to attract foreign investments in all sectors of the economy for the sake of economic diversification.

While it is necessary to wean away the economy from its dependence on oil, there is growing recognition that the oil sector could be further diversified.

With the recent commissioning of phase of the petrochemical plants in Kaduna and Ekpan, three primary raw materials — linear alkyl benzene, carbon black and polypropylene — are now available for processing by downstream fabricators.

The Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation's (NNPC) deputy managing director, Michael Oloruntimehin, says that since NNPC does not intend to go into downstream petrochemical product fabrication, the field is completely open to private investors.

He feels that joint-venture partners will be required to finance phase II of the project, which he describes as a "grassroots petrochemicals complex, primarily intended to satisfy the growing

demand by local industries for plastic components required by the textile, automobile, electrical and building industries."

The government estimates that the first stage of phase II of the petrochemicals project will cost about \$807 million between 1988 and 1992. The joint-venture partnership, it says, will be required in setting up polyethylene, polypropylene, polystyrene, polyester chips and polyvinyl chloride plants. Joint-venture capital is also required for plants manufacturing ethylene glycol, terephthalic acid and isopropyl alcohol.

Petrochemicals is not the only industry where private investors have been invited to participate by NNPC, which was recently commercialised and re-structured to improve its effectiveness and efficiency.

**Participation**

Private-sector participation is especially welcome in upstream exploration and downstream processing, distribution and marketing.

Investments in upstream activities in 1970 were estimated at \$24 million, 243 million in 1980, 343 million in 1982 and 296

million in 1985.

NNPC believes that despite what appears to be a high level of investment, "the surface has just barely been scratched." Officials say that out of about 300,000 sq km of the country's basinal areas, only 60,000 sq km, or about 20 per cent, is currently under active exploration. This does not include other offshore areas above the 100-metre water depth mark and tar sand deposits in the Western belt of the country.

**Supply**

In the service sector, foreign-based companies could develop local substitutes for items like medium pressure valves, pumps, shallow drilling equipment, drilling mud, etc. Construction, installation, maintenance, pipelaying and transportation support services also offer investment opportunities in the service sector.

Between 1988 and 1992, NNPC plans to spend about \$1.30 billion to boost the domestic supply of LPG linked to this project is the installation of an LPG Memorex unit at the Kaduna refinery.

As a direct result of these projects, there will be investment opportunities in the areas of manufacturing cylinders, valves and regulators, installation of filling plants, retail distribution and development of simple, flexible and less expensive gas burners.

The natural gas area is still unexplored in terms of foreign investment. NNPC's \$902 million programme over the next five years to supply gas to industries is expected to trigger further foreign and private domestic investment. Entrepreneurs, according to NNPC, will be encouraged to participate in all phases of the industry.

**Opportunities**

Under the LNG programme, NNPC has completed working arrangements with a number of technical partners. The corporation says investment opportunities exist in the bulk transportation of petroleum products through the extension of the existing pipeline network and the improvement in marine capacity for the movement of petroleum products by sea. According to the programme, private investments and funds will be needed to execute the \$195 million new pipeline system which will run from port Harcourt-Aba-Enugu-Auchi to evacuate products from the new port Harcourt refinery.

Numerous investment opportunities also exist in agriculture, transportation, health and communication. Over the years, it has been difficult for many willing foreign investors to come to Nigeria because of bureaucratic and administrative disincentives.

## KUWAIT

BANK SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
NATIONAL BANK	0.850	0.850	0.850	0.850	155000	7
GULF BANK	0.345	---	---	---	---	---
COMMERCIAL BK	0.236	---	---	---	---	---
AHLI BANK	0.285	---	---	---	---	---
B.K.M.E.	0.300	---	---	---	---	---
K.R.E.B.	0.370	---	---	---	---	---
BURBAN BANK	0.260	0.238	0.238	0.238	100000	3
K.F.HOUSE	0.405	---	---	---	---	---
INVESTMENT SECTOR	---	---	---	---	---	---
KUT INV. CO.	0.190	0.180	0.180	0.180	20000	1
K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.210	---	---	---	---	---
K.I.I.C.	0.158	0.160	0.160	0.158	240000	5
CON-FACILITIES	0.445	---	---	---	---	---
ARLHAN INV.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
I.F.A.	0.104	---	---	---	---	---
INV. PEARL KUT	0.104	---	---	---	---	---
INSURANCE SECTOR	---	---	---	---	---	---
KUT INSURANCE	0.700	---	---	---	---	---
GULF INSURANCE	0.370	---	---	---	---	---
ARLHA INS. CO.	0.520	---	---	---	---	---
WARBA INS. CO.	0.415	---	---	---	---	---
REAL ESTATE SECTOR	---	---	---	---	---	---
KUT R.E. CO.	0.260	---	---	---	---	---
KUT R.E. CO.	0.116	0.116	0.116	0.116	40000	2
KUT R.E. CO.	0.224	---	---	---	---	---
SALHAN R.E.	0.075	---	---	---	---	---
KUT PROJECTS	0.086	---	---	---	---	---
KUT R.E.I. CON	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
INDUSTRY SECTOR	---	---	---	---	---	---
KUT IND. CO.	0.510	---	---	---	---	---
KUT M.P. IND.	0.238	---	---	---	---	---
KUT CEMENT CO.	0.390	---	---	---	---	---
REF. IND. CO.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
GULF CABLE	1.000	---	---	---	---	---
K.P.H. IND. CO.	0.192	0.192	0.192	0.190	60000	2
CONT. MARINE	0.350	---	---	---	---	---
K.S.H. REP. CO.	0.042	---	---	---	---	---
SERVICES SECTOR	---	---	---	---	---	---
OVERLAND TRANS	0.081	---	---	---	---	---
K.N.C. CO.	0.190	---	---	---	---	---
KUT HOTELS CO.	0.174	---	---	---	---	---
P-WAREHOUSING	0.144	---	---	---	---	---
CON-MKT. CHPK.	0.020	0.020	0.020	0.020	400000	5
MOBILE TELE.	0.370	0.365	0.370	0.365	40000	2
KUT COMPUTER	0.188	---	---	---	---	---
FOOD SECTOR	---	---	---	---	---	---
LIVESTOCK T.T.	0.222	0.220	0.220	0.220	20000	1
UNTD FISHERIES	0.146	---	---	---	---	---
UNTD POLTRY	0.238	---	---	---	---	---
KUT FOODS	0.285	---	---	---	---	---
AGRI-FOOD PRD.	0.150	---	---	---	---	---
NON-KUT SECTOR	---	---	---	---	---	---
B.W. INTER. BK	0.067	---	---	---	---	---
B.W. N.EAST. BK	0.042	---	---	---	---	---
UNTD. GULF BK	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
COAST INVEST.	0.079	---	---	---	---	---
A.G. INV. CORP	0.037	---	---	---	---	---
FIRST. GULF BK	0.620	---	---	---	---	---
B.K.I.G.	0.085	---	---	---	---	---

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COMPANIES LISTED ON THE PARALLEL MARKET	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
FINANCIAL SECTOR	---	---	---	---	---	---
PEARL INV. CO.	0.098	---	---	---	---	---
GULF INV. CO.	0.041	---	---	---	---	---
GULF INTL INS	0.009	---	---	---	---	---
ARAB INT. CO.	0.055	---	---	---	---	---
SHARJAH INS	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
GULF UNION INS	0.055	---	---	---	---	---
INDUSTRIAL SECTOR	---	---	---	---	---	---
B-GULF MEDICAL	0.016	---	---	---	---	---
C.R.K. WHITE CMT	0.023	---	---	---	---	---
D-AJMAN CEMENT	0.007	---	---	---	---	---
F-FUJAIRAH CEMENT	0.007	---	---	---	---	---
F-SHARJAH CEMENT	0.010	---	---	---	---	---
G-GULF CEMENT	0.014	---	---	---	---	---
H-UNN RATHAN	0.019	---	---	---	---	---

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B No.	Ship Name	Agent	Tel. No.
1	Al Redha	KSA	4843150
3	Calimanesi	Al Sawan	4746018
4	Topusko	M. Bahar	2433881
6	Zarka	GH & Q	4747815
8	Tug Amsterdam	G. Star	4845501
9	Barge Jubail	---	---
12	Pelagos	Alghanim	4842988
13	Mersik Astro	Behbehani	2412085
18	Alqurain	Livestock	2434177

SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUWAIKH PORT			
B No.	Ship Name	Agent	Tel. No.
02	Scifos	ISA	2441860
8/5	Guliyang	M. Bahar	2433881
8/5	Sparkle Sun	Marafi Int.	2465645
8/5	Lanka Sreedevi	GH & Q	4747815

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUAIBA PORT			
B No.	Ship Name	Agent	Tel. No.
2	Pan Korea	GH & Q	4747815
3	Tug Salvantia	Sager	4810973
3	Barge Delmar 2	Sager	4810973
16	Grace Liberty	Al Kamal	2425437
18	New Oasis	As Marafie	4846665
18	Sendra-1	KOTC	---
DXT	Topusko	MA. Bahar	2433881
8/5	Maeterlinck	Alashed	2422026
11/5	Al Mirqab	UASC	4843150
12/5	Arbon	RSMS	2423642
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16/5	Sparkle Sun	GH & Q	4747815
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Golden Investors	USD 1.50
	USD 6.75
	GBP 6.75
	AUD 6.50

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ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	1.17 1.18
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	1.81 1.80
ARAB BANK	114.4 114.5
ARAB CHEMICAL DTER	3.90 3.90
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.33 1.34
ARAB INSURANCE	1.10 1.05
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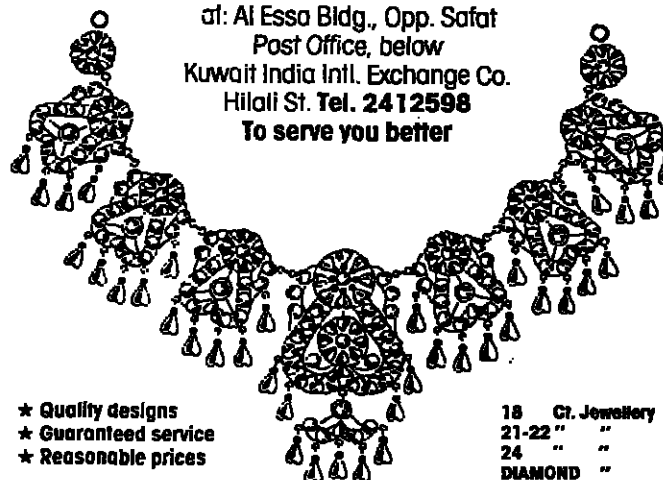
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## Italian Open

ROME, May 8, (AP): Ivan Lendl, Mats Wilander and Boris Becker are the top three seeds in the \$825,000 Italian Open men's tennis championships starting tomorrow, organisers said today. With Yannick Noah as the fourth seed, the clay court tournament will have four of the world's top 10 players in its 64-man field.

## Bavarian tennis

MUNICH, West Germany, May 8, (Reuters): Jonas B. Svensson of Sweden, regained his taste for West German tournament tennis yesterday by beating Spanish favourite Emilio Sanchez 6-7 6-1 6-4 in the semifinals of the \$202,000 Bavarian Championships.

## LPGA golf

PORTSMOUTH, Va., May 8, (Reuters): American Sherri Turner's four-under-par 32 on the front nine helped her take a one-stroke lead after the second round of the \$300,000 Portsmouth Classic LPGA golf tournament yesterday.

## Belgian League

BRUSSELS, May 8, (Reuters): Leaders Club Brugge and nearest rivals Mechelen were both held to 1-1 away draws by modest opponents in the Belgian League yesterday. With two more games to go, Brugge hold a three-point lead over European Cup Winners' Cup finalists Mechelen.

## W. German player

BONN, May 8, (Reuters): West German international midfielder Olaf Thon will sign a deal next Wednesday to leave his struggling team Schalke and join Bayern Munich, Schalke club president Guenter Siebert said yesterday.

## Gymnast injured

TOKYO, May 8, (AP): A 15-year-old American gymnast remained in critical condition yesterday, paralysed and unable to breathe normally, Julissa Gomez suffered a broken neck on Thursday when she fell during warm-ups, doing a round-off entry in the vault in an international tournament.

## Title fight

BANGKOK, May 8, (UPI): World Boxing Association bantamweight champion Wilfredo Vasquez of Puerto Rico and Thai challenger Khaokor Galaxy both expect to win tomorrow night's title fight here.

## Pole position

SILVERSTONE, England, May 8, (Reuters): Frenchman Jean-Louis Schlesser put the Mercedes team in pole position for the fourth successive time this season in yesterday's practice for today's Silverstone 1,000 kms World Sportscar Championship Race.

## World record

CARDIFF, May 8, (Reuters): A world record crowd for a club match saw Llanelli win the Welsh Cup Rugby Union final for a record sixth time when they beat Neath 28-13 yesterday. An estimated attendance of more than 50,000 surpassed the 48,000 who watched Cardiff play Newport in 1951.

## Mini-marathon

NEW YORK, May 8, (AP): Joan Benoit Samuelsson, the 1984 Olympic marathon gold medalist, has entered the 17th Annual L'Espresso mini-marathon, scheduled for Central Park on June 4, race organisers announced yesterday.

## Volleyball event to restart on May 17

THE Jimmy George Memorial Trophy volleyball tournament, organised by Kuwait Malayalam Samajam and sponsored by Vandana Weekly, will restart on May 17, the organisers announced yesterday.

The organisers, who had originally scheduled the matches to be held from May 20 after a break during the holy month of Ramadan, have now decided to complete the matches before the schools close for the summer vacation.

The matches will be held on the ground located behind the Fabeel Cinema. The revised schedule is as follows:

May 17: 6.30 am — Vandana Sports vs Young School Boys; 7.30 am — Al Jahili Food Centre vs Sports Lovers Club; 8.30 am — Royal Sporting vs Al Othman Catering.

May 20: 6.30 am — Fernandez Brothers vs Camy Sports Club; 7.30 am — Kerala Sports 'B' vs winners of Vandana Sports and Young School boys.

May 27: 6.30 am — Semifinals; 7.30 am — Semifinals; June 3: 7.30 am — Finals.

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## Richards and Harper hit tons

HOVE, England, May 8, (Reuters): Viv Richards, scoring the 98th century of his career in masterly style, and Roger Harper, giving a reminder of his considerable batting talent with 133 not out, rescued West Indies in their opening tour match yesterday.

Richards, who made 128, and all-rounder Harper shared a sixth-wicket partnership of 227 against Sussex after West Indies were reduced to 94 for five by the county's fledgling attack on a greenish pitch.

## Trouble

A burst of three for 33 from seamer Rodney Bunting, playing in only his second first-class match, plunged the West Indians into trouble after they were put in, but Richards and Harper tilted the balance so emphatically that the touring side were 394 for seven at the close of the opening day of the three-day game.

Richards, who reached three figures in 128 deliveries, is likely during the tour to become only the fourth non-English player to score a hundred centuries, joining Sir Donald Bradman, Glenn Turner and Zaheer Abbas. Harper, who also bowls off-spin and seeks to re-establish his Test place after being overlooked for the recent series against Pakistan in the Caribbean, completed his century from 197 balls.



Richards: 98th century

Sussex, despite fielding four uncapped bowlers, seized the initiative in the morning when Bunting had Gordon Greenidge

caught behind from an outswinger for 15 and dismissed Richie Richardson for 20 with the aid of a third slip catch.

The same combination accounted for Carl Hooper for seven, while Desmond Haynes, having made 36 from 34 overs, edged paceman Andy Babbington and was caught at the wicket.

Gus Logie was lbw for three to leg-spinner Andy Clarke, who was shortly afterwards brought down to earth as Richards struck him for two straight sixes.

The West Indian captain continued to answer his team's plight on a challenging note, lashing two more sixes off the wrist spinner, and also hitting 15 fours in his innings of 166 balls.

Harper, who survived a chance to wicketkeeper Ian Gould off Clarke when he had made 45, scored 13 fours on his way to three figures.

## Scoreboard

WEST INDIES first innings  
G. Greenidge c Gould b Bunting — 15  
D. Haynes c Gould b Babbington — 36  
R. Richards c Parker b Bunting — 20  
C. Hooper c Parker b Bunting — 7  
A. Logie lbw b Clarke — 3  
V. Richards c A. Wells b Pringle — 128  
R. Harper not out — 133  
W. Benjamin c Clarke b C. Wells — 10  
D. Williams not out — 18  
Extras (b 8 lb 4 w 6 nb 6) — 24  
Total (for seven wickets) — 394  
Fall of wickets: 1-22 2-54 3-75 4-80 5-94 6-321 7-349.

To bat: C. Ambrose, I. Bishop, S. Peters, P. Parker (captain), A. Green, R. Ali Khan, C. Wells, A. Wells, N. Leatham, I. Gould, M. Pringle, A. Clarke, R. Bunting, A. Babbington.

## Joyner-Kersee sets year's best

MODESTO, Calif., May 8, (Reuters): American world-record holder Jackie Joyner-Kersee set the fastest time in the world this year to win the women's 100-metre hurdles in 12.7 seconds yesterday at the rainy Modesto Invitational athletics meeting.

Joyner-Kersee, who holds the heptathlon and long-jump world record, took the lead prior to the first hurdle and extended her margin throughout the race. She beat American Rhonda Blair by 49/100ths of a second.

No world records were set in the meet, which did not include any Grand Prix events on the cold, wet and windy day.

## Nuggets beat Supersonics for playoffs

DENVER, May 8, (AP): In four playoff games, the Seattle Supersonics shot 53 per cent from the floor and didn't fall below 50 per cent, but Denver Nuggets coach Doug Moe figured the hot shooting had to end sometime.

It finally did yesterday. Shots that had gone swish suddenly went clank, and the Nuggets raced away with a 115-96 victory to advance to the second round of the NBA playoffs.

The Nuggets, winning the first-round series three games to two, will play host to the Dallas Mavericks Tuesday night in the opener of a best-of-seven series. Game 2 will be Thursday night, also in Denver.

"Seattle had played so good and had shot so well that I hoped one game they'd crack shooting-wise," Moe said. "You knew they had to have one off game."

Dale Ellis and Xavier McDaniel, who averaged a combined 47 points during the regular season, scored only 12 and six points, respectively. Ellis was 4-for-9 from the field and McDaniel 2-for-9.

Joyner-Kersee was scheduled to compete in three other events — 16-metre relay, long jump and 100 metres — but withdrew from all except the hurdles because of the bad weather.

## Scheduled

American Carl Lewis, winner of four gold medals in the 1984 Olympics, had been scheduled to race in the men's 100 metres. But he had run a 10.05-second 100-metre race on Wednesday, and said yesterday that his good time last week made it unnecessary to run the same event just three days later.

He was committed to appear at this meet, so he opted to

anchor the Santa Monica Track Club men's 800-metre relay team.

Lewis took the baton with a lead and guided his relay team, which included American Olympians Mark Witherspoon, Harvey Glance and Cletus Brown, to an easy victory.

Without Lewis, Witherspoon won the 100 metres in 10.10 seconds. Kirk Baptiste of the United States was second at the same time, but the photo finish showed Witherspoon touched the tape first.

1984 Olympic gold medalist Roger Kingdom of the United States won the men's 110-metre hurdles in 13.37 seconds.

## Nantes hold Monaco

PARIS, May 8, (Reuters): Monaco recovered from an early setback at Nantes when Jean-Marc Ferrate equalised for a 1-1 draw that kept them five points clear at the top of the French soccer First Division yesterday.

Second-placed Bordeaux were unable to make up ground because they drew 1-1 at Saint-Etienne.

Matra Racing Paris, without a win in eight matches, dropped to fourth behind Marseille after drawing 0-0 at home to Cannes. Marseille beat Niort 1-0 on

Friday and lifted their hopes of a UEFA Cup place next season.

Ninth-placed Nantes went directly onto the attack and were rewarded with a goal by Michel Der Zakarian in the second minute. Monaco equalised 13 minutes later with a lob from Ferrate.

Bordeaux held off a challenge from sixth-placed Saint-Etienne, who went ahead through Patrice Ferri in the 75th minute. Bordeaux's veteran international Rene Girard snatched an 81st-minute equaliser.

## Bayern's misery continues

BONN, May 8, (Reuters): Bayern Munich, reigning West German soccer champions, had their second big disappointment of the week yesterday when they drew 0-0 at lowly Bayer Uerdingen.

After having their slim hopes of retaining the title snuffed out on Tuesday when Werder Bremen clinched the crown, the Bavarians seemed to lack drive and avoided losing only through the skill of goalkeeper Raimond Aumann.

Uerdingen, fighting to avoid relegation, had far more to play for and lost no time in putting Bayern under pressure.

In the opening minutes Uerdingen midfielder Rudi Bommer twice shot narrowly wide and a third effort was stopped only by the desperate intervention of defender Andreas Brehme.

Werder Bremen, also lacking motivation after wrapping up the title, lost 2-0 at Cologne.

## Slaney qualifies for US trials

EUGENE, Oregon, May 8, (UPI): Mary Slaney, running competitively outdoors for the first time since 1985, easily won the 1,500 metres at the Oregon Twilight Meet yesterday and qualified for the US Olympic trials.

"I ran extra conservatively tonight and I felt I could go faster if I wanted to," Slaney said after she set a meet record of 4:09.14. "The important thing was to run with no pain, which I did."

Running on her home track at Hayward Field, Slaney took off to her customary early lead and was in front all the way, defeating Claudette Groenendaal, who clocked 4:11.84.

The time qualifies Slaney, who has been sidelined with a pregnancy and then a series of injuries, for the Olympic trials in July in Indianapolis.

"My objective was to run easy and relaxed," Slaney said. "I got a cramp in my calf last week, but I ran tonight with no twinges of pain. I hope this means the start of a good spring for me."

## Style

Brazilian 800 metres Olympic champion Joaquim Cruz, also opened his 1988 season in winning style, capturing the 1,500 metres in 3:41.47.

Like Slaney, Cruz opened in the lead and was never passed, although Oregon's Eric Peterson finished just 0.32 seconds behind, qualifying for the NCAA Championship meet in June.

In other events, Dub Myers broke the four-minute barrier in the Oregon Twilight Mile for the fifth time in his career, winning in 3:57.44. Mike Blackmore also broke the four-minute barrier for the fifth time in the meet, finishing in 3:57.46.

Brazilian Jose Barbosa won the 800 metres in 1:46.95.



Hick stands near the scoreboard after scoring a record-breaking unbeaten 405 on Friday. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Defreitas, Agnew and Small continue to press for England places

LONDON, May 8, (Reuters): Pacesmen Phillip Defreitas, Jon Agnew and Gladstone Small continued to press for England places by firing Leicestershire and Warwickshire to County Championship cricket wins with a day to spare on Saturday.

Fast bowler Norman Cowans also showed the form that won him England honours in the early 1980s as he spearheaded Middlesex to victory on the third day of their four-day match.

Defreitas was the main destroyer for Leicestershire, who routed Kent for 128 at Leicester to win by an innings and 47 runs. The fast-medium bowler took four for 52 after signing a new two-year county contract in the morning.

## Captured

Agnew, seeking to add to the three England caps he won from 1984-85, captured three for 45 to finish with match figures of nine for 82.

West Indian-born Small, who was plagued by injury problems last season, completed a personal best match return of 19 for 84 to help Warwickshire beat Yorkshire by seven wickets at Edgbaston.

Yorkshire, who resumed 81 ahead with four second innings wickets left, were all out for 175 as Small and Antiguan Tony Merrick, with four for 77, took their toll.

Cowans took four for 20 as Surrey, needing 327 to win at the Oval, were dismissed for 178, to maintain Middlesex's winning sequence in their first three championship games.

Jamaican-born Cowans, whose pace off the pitch was helped by a tendency for the ball to keep low, began with a two for six.

## Davis shoots hole-in-one on his way to semifinals

CHEPSTOW, Wales, May 8, (Reuters): Australian Rodger Davis won a gleaming red Porsche on his way to the semifinals of the European Matchplay Golf Championship yesterday.

The £30,000 (\$56,000) car was the reward for his four-iron hole-in-one at the 219 yards 15th. The place in the last four was the result of a four and three third round win over Britain's Glen Ralph followed by a two and one quarterfinal triumph against Ireland's Des Smyth.

"It was the eighth ace of my career," said Davis, who had accepted the advice of his caddy on the tee and taken a club less than three-iron he had selected. "I completely lost my concentration for the next two holes but fortunately I recovered in time to finish the match with a birdie at the 17th."

It was the second ace of the tournament. Britain's Ken Brown achieved it at the sixth on Friday and drove away in a Volvo.

## Wrong

Smyth met Davis after eliminating top-seeded Briton Ian Woosnam two and one. Woosnam could do no wrong last year, winning seven titles. This season he has struggled, his game in shreds.

South African Mark McNulty and Britain's Howard Clark recorded straightforward quarterfinal triumphs over Japan's Masahiro Kuramoto and Britain's Carl Mason respectively but West German Bernhard Langer went to the 18th before defeating John Morgan, also British.

## Harris stuns Thorne in World Open

VALKENSWAARD, Netherlands, May 8, (Reuters): Teenager Del Harris of Britain caused the first upset of the World Open Squash Championship yesterday when he put out seventh-seeded Australian Ross Thorne in the first round.

Harris, 18, who came through the qualifying rounds of the tournament to reach yesterday's first round proper, won 9-5 9-6 9-3, sweeping through the first two stages as his speed and aggression appeared to take Thorne by surprise.

Thorne, ranked ninth in the world, was frequently forced to defend by the variety of Harris's attacking shots but fought back to take the third game.

The British champion, fast thrusting towards a place among the game's elite, re-asserted control in the fourth to win in one hour 15 minutes and add a second victory over Thorne to the one he scored in the Spanish Open earlier this year.

World champion and number one seed Jansher Khan of Pakistan cruised through to the second round, beating Dutch champion Hans Frieling 9-3 9-0 9-1 in 35 minutes.

Jansher, ruthless on court whatever the opposition, made Frieling fight to the limit for each of his four points.

## Enjoyed

Frieling has practised with the world number one but had never met him in a tournament before. He said afterwards: "I thoroughly enjoyed it, though at times I didn't know where I was going."

Two other seeded players with matches yesterday won comfortably.

Fourth-seed Ross Norman of New Zealand, the former world champion, beat Briton Gwynn Brian 9-1 9-6 9-6 while sixth-seed Chris Robertson of Australia dropped the first game to Martin Bodinade of Britain but recovered to win 5-9 3-9 9-2.

Jansher's fellow Pakistani and arch rival, second seed and five times champion Jahangir Khan, begins his campaign to regain the title this evening.

After a rest day tomorrow, the tournament shifts to Amsterdam on Tuesday for the second round.

## Byrum takes one-shot lead into final round

LAS VEGAS, Nev., May 8, (Reuters): American Coby Byrum, who has not won on the PGA Tour in six seasons, set himself up for a big pay day yesterday when he took a one-shot third round lead in the \$1.4 million Las Vegas invitational tournament.

Byrum posted a five-under-par 67 for a 12-under 204 total as he edged ahead of compatriot Ben Crenshaw and Peter Jacobsen in the chase for the \$250,000 first prize.

Crenshaw also shot a 67 to share second place with Jacobsen, who had a 68 on 205.

## Carded

The third round was played at the 7,088-yard Spanish Trail Country Club course but the three-course format of the invitational calls for today's final round to be played at the 7,162-yard Las Vegas Country club.

Australian Greg Norman, seeking to regain the title he won here in 1986, carded a 66 to move within striking distance on a seven-under-par 209 total.

## Murthwaite takes Player of the Year award



All the winners with their trophies.

LOLLO MURTHWAITE was named Player of the Year after the Sheraton Ladies Bridge Club's 'End of the Year Tournament' at the Sheraton premises on Wednesday.

Murthwaite, who has been consistent in her performances throughout this bridge season, finished ahead of her partner and

close friend Nabil Akel. Nabil could only accumulate enough points to take second place after missing nearly two months of the bridge season. Murthwaite and Nabil have dominated the Kuwait bridge scene for a number of years now with the latter having most of the top awards over a number of seasons.

Randa Finan also achieved good results throughout the year to finish third in the Players of the Year list. Sonia Banayan, Randa's partner, took the fourth position. Jamila Akel, Nabil's mother, made sure that there were at least two of the same family in the top five by taking the fifth position.

In the End of the Year Tournament, organised by Nabil Akel, Sandra Turvey and Ely Lammerts ended their season on a high note by taking the top honours.

Sonia Banayan and Randa Finan finished in second place while Jamila Akel and Juliette Mushawar were third.

Nabil Akel and Lollo Murthwaite made sure that they did well in the last tournament of the season by taking fourth place. Hala Hour and Rima Ayad took the fifth position.

Ghada Sarraf and Salwa Hayek shared the sixth place with Lyn Edwards and Pearl Leavy.

## Supplement on powerboat racing

Arab Times and Seyassah newspapers are sponsoring an Offshore Powerboat Race, to be held in Kuwait on June 3 1988. They are preparing a special programme supplement, which will feature editorial about powerboat racing, as well as photographs of past races. It will also contain the regulations for the event. Every competitor, both from within and from outside Kuwait will receive a copy.

The supplement will be produced in English and Arabic, and the copies will be distributed free at the participating hotels and to competitors. Those interested in advertising in the publication should contact Liza 2418738 or 2418730.